

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****12 SEPTEMBER 2017****ACTIVE TRAVEL AUDITS****REPORT BY ACTIVE TRAVEL OFFICER**

This report provides an update on the completion of Phase 1 of the Active Travel Audits programme and on proposals for undertaking a second phase.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) notes the completion of Phase 1 of the programme of Active Travel Audits; and
- (ii) agrees to receive a further report on a second phase of the programme of Active Travel Audits as detailed in the report, to a future meeting.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 13 September 2016 the Partnership agreed to pursue a programme of Active Travel Audits in key settlements within the region (Report RTP/16/28 refers).
- 2.2 At its meeting on 6 December 2016 the Partnership delegated authority to approve award of a contract for undertaking a programme of Active Travel Audits to the Director and Treasurer (Report/16/35 refers).
- 2.3 At the meeting on 14 March 2017 the Partnership noted the award of a contract to consultants Arup for undertaking an initial programme of key settlement audits, to be completed by 30 June 2017 (Report RTP/17/06 refers). The contract provides for additional work to be undertaken up to a total value of £164,000.

**3 DISCUSSION**Active Travel Audits

- 3.1 A programme of work for Phase 1 to 30 June 2017 was agreed, in consultation with constituent Council's, to complete Active Travel Audits in 8 locations, including:
  - Angus - Arbroath, Forfar and Monifieth
  - Perth & Kinross - Crieff and Bridgend, Gannochy & Scone
  - Dundee City – North East Ward and Lochee Ward
  - Stirling – Braehead

- 3.2 Arup undertook a programme of desktop study, targeted consultation, on-site audits, data analysis and action plan development for each of the above. Each settlement/area has now been provided with a Final Report summarising the findings of the study, inclusive of an action plan that provides details of potential walking and cycling developments that will help to create a cohesive walking and cycling network.
- 3.3 Executive Summaries have also been produced, providing a summary of the network proposal and action plan for each settlement. All Executive Summaries and Final Reports are available to view on the [Tactran website](#). A short presentation will be made by consultants Arup at the Partnership meeting.
- 3.4 It is intended that these Active Travel Audits will provide each partner Council with a basis to develop a programme of potential improvements to the walking and cycling networks in these areas, in support of their Active Travel and Cycling Strategies, and also provide the basis for future project applications to Tactran's Active Travel Grant scheme, Sustrans' National Community Links scheme and other funding programmes.
- 3.5 Based on the successful completion of the first phase, and following consultation with our constituent Councils, a second phase will commence later in 2017/18. Sustrans has confirmed additional match funding of up to a maximum of £45,000 towards the second phase.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The first phase of Active Travel Audits was completed in consultation with officers from Tactran's constituent Councils and other relevant community, walking and cycling groups.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Phase 1 of Active Travel Audits will cost up to £84,100, and was funded from various sources including the Tactran Active Travel Grant, Tactran RTS Revenue Budget and Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross Councils.
- 5.2 As noted above Sustrans has confirmed additional match funding of up to £45,000 for phase 2 and, as discussed in a separate report on 2017/18 Revenue Budget and Monitoring, there is provision within Tactran's 2017/18 RTS Revenue budget to provide the match funding required.

## **6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment and no major issues have been identified.

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### **NOTE**

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing this Report:

Report to Partnership RTP/16/28, Active Travel Progress Update, 13 September 2016

Report to Partnership RTP/16/35, Active Travel Progress Update, 6 December 2016

Report to Partnership RTP/17/06, Active Travel Progress Update, 14 March 2017