

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****12 DECEMBER 2017****ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRESS UPDATE****REPORT BY SENIOR PARTNERSHIP MANAGER**

This report updates the Partnership on award of funding from the 2017/18 Tactran Active Travel Grant scheme and provides an update on Phase 2 of the Active Travel Audit programme.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 That the Partnership :-

- (i) notes the award of grant funding from the 2017/18 Active Travel Grant under delegated authority, as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) notes progress on the Active Travel Audits initiative and various active travel activities undertaken by the Cycle Training & Development Officer, as outlined in the report.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 10 December 2013 the Partnership approved the appointment of an Active Travel Officer in partnership with Sustrans (Report RTP/13/34 refers). Under this arrangement Tactran funded the costs of staff appointment with Sustrans committing a delivery budget of at least £100,000/annum, which is available to support the development of active travel capital works and networks within the region. At its meeting on 13 June 2017 the Partnership noted that Tactran had secured a fourth annual allocation of at least £100,000 for financial year 2017/18 from the Sustrans Community Links programme (Report RTP/17/15 refers).
- 2.2 It has been agreed with Sustrans that allocation of at least £100,000/annum from the national Community Links programme will continue following the “in-house” replacement of the Active Travel Officer with the Strategy Officer (Sustainable Transport) (Report RTP/P4/17 refers).
- 2.3 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).
- 2.4 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).

- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 At its meeting on 12 September 2017 the partnership noted the completion of Phase 1 of the Active Travel Audits Programme and agreed to receive a further report on Phase 2 at a future meeting (Report RTP/17/20 refers).

### 3 DISCUSSION

#### Active Travel Grant

- 3.1 Set up as a match-funded grant scheme, the £100,000 Active Travel Grant (ATG) has been designed to reflect and support the Sustrans Community Links scheme and associated criteria, and implementation of the Tactran Regional Strategy Refresh 2015-2036, in particular Strategy 5.3 Active Travel.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 14 March 2017 the Partnership approved the current Active Travel Grant Scheme guidance and criteria (Report RTP/17/06 refers).
- 3.3 There have been two calls for ATG applications in financial year 2017/18 resulting in three projects being awarded ATG funding (Reports RTP/17/15 and RTP/17/19 refer):

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>
Perth & Kinross Council	North Muirton Park Refurbishment	£34,200
Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust	River Tay Way	£15,000
Dundee City Council	Dundee Docks Shared Use Path – Design Fees	£18,262

- 3.4 At the Partnership meeting on 13 June 2017 the Partnership delegated authority to the Director and Treasurer to further consider and approve Stirling Council's application for the Stirling Station Gateway project pending further development and clarification (Report RTP/17/15 refers).
- 3.5 Following further clarification and development of the Stirling Station Gateway project, the Director and Treasurer have considered an updated application which is suitable for award of ATG funding and have now approved the below application for £40,000 funding towards the Stirling Station Gateway project:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>
Stirling Council	Stirling Station Gateway	£40,000

- 3.6 The Partnership is asked to note the allocation of funding to this project, as set out in the above table and summarised in Appendix A.

- 3.7 The funding approvals and proposals outlined in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.6 above commit a total of up to £107,462. Sustrans has agreed to provide funding for the additional £7,462 over the initial £100,000 funding allocation.

#### Active Travel Audits

- 3.8 As noted at the Partnership meeting on 12 September 2017, a programme of work for Phase 1 of the Active Travel Audits was completed for 8 settlement locations: Arbroath; Forfar; Monifieth; North East Ward, Dundee; Lochee Ward, Dundee; Crieff; Bridgend, Gannochy & Scone; and Braehead, Stirling.
- 3.9 Based on the successful completion of Phase 1, and following consultation with constituent Councils, Phase 2 of the Active Travel Audits commenced in November 2017. The proposed settlements being considered in consultation with constituent Council officers for Phase 2 include:
- Angus – Montrose; Brechin
  - Dundee City – Coldside Ward
  - Perth & Kinross – to be determined following Perth City Cycling Masterplan exercise
  - Stirling – Cambusbarron/Torbex
- 3.10 It is intended to undertake the Phase 2 settlement audits in a phased process between November 2017 and June 2018. The Perth City Cycling Masterplan exercise is programmed to be completed by February 2018, and the areas to be considered in Perth & Kinross will be guided by the outcome of this and will be programmed towards the end of the Phase 2 audits.
- 3.11 The Active Travel Audit contract with Arup provides for work to be undertaken up to a total value of £164,000, with Phase 1 audits costing a total of £83,715 leaving a balance of £80,285 for Phase 2. Sustrans has confirmed 50% match funding of £40,142 for Phase 2, with provision existing for the remaining 50% to be met from the Tactran 2017/18 RTS Revenue Programme allocation for Active Travel. Work is being programmed with the intention that Tactran RTS Revenue funding will be fully utilised by 31 March 2018, with Sustrans funding being fully utilised by the end of that organisation's financial year on 30 June 2018.
- 3.12 As with the Phase 1 process, Arup will undertake a programme of desktop study, targeted consultation, on-site audits, data analysis and action plan development for each of the above settlement areas. Each settlement/area will be provided with a Final Report and Executive Summary 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.
- 3.13 It is intended that these Active Travel Audits will provide each partner Council with support and a basis to develop a programme of potential improvements to the walking and cycling networks in these areas, in support of their local 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.

### Cycle Training & Development

- 3.14 The Cycle Training and Development Officer continues to promote a number of initiatives throughout the region, including Bikeability Support Plus; All Ability & Adult Cycling Opportunities; Cycle Friendly School; Cycle Friendly Campus; Cycle Friendly Employer; Cycle Friendly Communities; Nursery Play on Pedals and Practical Cycle Awareness Training (PCAT) for PCV/LGV Drivers.
- 3.15 Of particular note was the launch in November of the Active Senior Cyclist Programme, developed by Cycling Scotland, Tactran and Dundee University staff, which provides the skills and confidence for over-60's to get around for every day travel by bike.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The report and relevant proposals have been the subject of consultation and agreement with Sustrans, Cycling Scotland, Transportation Officers Liaison Group and other appropriate stakeholders.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Active Travel Grant awards discussed in the report have been funded from the initial annual allocation of £100,000 to the 2017/18 Tactran Community Links Active Travel Grant scheme, with increased funding of £7,462 provided by Sustrans.
- 5.2 The Active Travel Audit Phase 2 expenditure of up to £80,285 is being funded from the 2017/18 RTS Revenue Programme budget allocation for Active Travel with additional 50% match funding of up to £40,142 towards this initiative being provided by Sustrans.

## **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/13/34, Walking and Cycling Strategy Update, 10 December 2013

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

Report to Partnership RTP/17/15, 2017/18 Active Travel Grant Scheme, 13 June 2017

Report to Partnership RTP/17/19, Active Travel Progress Update, 12 September 2017

Report to Partnership RTP/17/20, Active Travel Audits, 12 September 2017

Report to Partnership RTP/P4/17, Partnership Staffing, 12 September 2017

**2017/18 Active Travel Grant Project**

Organisation	Project	Description	Total Project Cost	Grant Funding
<b>Project Approved</b>				
Stirling Council	Stirling Station Gateway	Stirling Station Gateway is a partnership project that seeks to significantly enhance the public realm at Stirling Station and the adjoining city centre streets. This application, covering Phase 2, would see the development of designs of the active travel elements of the project, in particular the place-making aspect of the Station Forecourt, providing an all-ability gateway into Stirling and better integrate the station into the city centre.	£300,000	£40,000