

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**17 MARCH 2020****CYCLE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE****REPORT BY REGIONAL CYCLE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
(CYCLING SCOTLAND)**

This report provides an update on Cycling Scotland projects and programmes across Tactran.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Partnership notes progress of the cycle training and development projects and programmes undertaken by the Cycle Training & Development Officer and Cycling Scotland across Tactran.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2016 the Partnership agreed to jointly fund with Cycling Scotland a Cycle Training and Development Officer to deliver Cycling Scotland programmes across the Tactran region (report RTP/16/12 refers).
- 2.2 At its meeting on 27 March 2018 the Partnership agreed to jointly fund the post on a permanent basis in partnership with Cycling Scotland, subject to ongoing budgetary availability (report RTP/18/11 refers).
- 2.3 The Partnership agreed to fund the continuation of the officer for 2019/20 in the 2019/20 RTS Revenue Programme (report RTP/19/10 refers).

3 DISCUSSION**Cycle Training & Development Officer****All Ability & Adult Cycling Opportunities**

- 3.1 The Retailer Host Pilot Project seeks to provide adult cycle training via cycle shops by providing support with access to equipment, traditional bikes and electric bikes and utilising Essential Cycling Skills. Phase 1 of the Project started in April 2019 and ended in June 2019 with two outlets per local authority taking part in Phase 1.
- 3.2 Phase 2 from April 2020 to May 2020 will include the following:
- Developing and promoting the course to absolute beginners, running from community venues in three of the four LA (Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross). Stirling already has established partners in the LA running own programmes and projects.

- Entry level on road training in workplaces settings, aimed at staff who can cycle but don't ride on road or currently commute. Linking in with existing Cycling Friendly Employers.

Bikeability

- 3.3 All four LAs are engaged in the Bikeability programme with a reported increase during 2019/2020 across all four local authorities. There are 194 primary schools across Tactran, with 107 primary schools engaged so far during 19/20, providing 2166 pupils with training. The number of schools and pupils engaged will increase substantially during the next few months. The figures at this time are currently showing an increase from 18/19 figures.

Cycling Friendly Employer

- 3.4 There are 40 active Cycling Friendly Employers across Tactran, with a further 20 employers working towards the award during 2020. This work has included:
- Extending the Cycling Friendly service centre network to include Perth Bike Station and increase employer engagement across the locality.
 - Developing relationships with Maryfield Community Police in Dundee to develop a case study demonstrating the benefits of using bikes to carry out duties.

Cycling Friendly Schools

- 3.5 There are 32 active Cycling Friendly Schools across Tactran. With a further 8 schools working towards the award during 2020.

Cycling Friendly Communities

- 3.6 There are 5 active Cycling Friendly Communities (CFC) across Tactran with 3 achieving Gold certification and 2 achieving Silver certification. The Gold CFCs are Coupar Angus Cycling Hub; Mallick Yusuf Youth Initiative and P&K Live Active All Ability Cycling and Silver CFCs are Angus Cycle Hub and FABB Scotland.

NHS Tayside & Travel Know How Scotland

- 3.7 A project proposal for potential training packages and opportunities to work with NHS Tayside & Travelknowhow Scotland on the range of training and initiatives offered by Cycling Scotland has been produced to help:
- Encourage and enable cycling to work for staff, and increase NHS Tayside's capacity to continue doing such, to support the objectives of NHS Tayside's emerging Sustainable Transport and Access Strategy.
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 - Encourage and enable cycling amongst the wider population to travel actively as part of a healthy lifestyle in support of NHS Tayside's emerging Public Health Strategy.

- 3.8 The NHS Tayside Transport and Access Group has been asked to consider the opportunities on offer in more detail with Cycling Scotland.

Cycling Scotland

Cycling Friendly Social Housing Fund

- 3.9 The Cycle Friendly Social Housing Fund makes it easier for residents living in social housing across Scotland to be healthier and more active through walking and cycling. By making it easier to store bikes, buggies and mobility aids securely as well as improving benches, planters and access points, the fund provides new facilities that make it easier, more enjoyable and more accessible for people to walk, cycle and spend time.
- 3.10 Cycling Scotland are working in partnership with the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Living Streets Scotland and Sustrans Scotland to deliver this fund, which is supported by the Scottish Government.
- 3.11 Social housing providers have installed a range of infrastructure including secure cycle parking, safe spaces to store prams, buggies and mobility aids, street furniture such seating, litter bins, bollards and planters as well as improvements to access points and lighting.
- 3.12 In the Tactran area, the Social Housing Fund has four funded projects, one in Dundee, two in Angus and one in Perth & Kinross, as follows:
- Angus Council – Carnoustie Cycling Without Age Chapter
 - Hillcrest Housing Association – Montrose
 - Abertay Housing Association – Dundee (Fintry)
 - PKC Housing & Environment – Customer & Community Engagement Team

Cycling Friendly Campus

- 3.13 There are two active Cycling Friendly Campuses across Tactran at Dundee University and Forth Valley College. In addition, campus cycling officers based for 2019/20 academic year at:
- Dundee and Angus College
 - Perth College UHI
 - University of Stirling student union
 - Forth Valley College.

Play on Pedals

- 3.14 Play on Pedals continues to increase throughout Tactran with all four Local Authorities engaged in the programme. There are 170 Local Authority nurseries across Tactran with 114 nurseries participating in Play on Pedals and 2,826 early years pupils receiving training. In addition, there are 12 independent

nurseries participating resulting in a further 216 early years pupils receiving training.

Active Travel Open Data

- 3.15 Cycling Scotland has created (ATOD) - an online open data-sharing platform for cycling, walking, and wheeling. All data on ATOD is open-access and freely available for anyone to download. Additionally, users can create a free account to upload their own data, create maps, make use of APIs, and embed infographics into their own website.
- 3.16 The vision of ATOD is that it will function as an online 'one-stop-shop' for everyday cycling and active travel data in Scotland, providing easy access to open data, facilitating collaboration and partnership working, and promoting transparency and evidence-based decision making.
- 3.17 Overall funding provided by Cycling Scotland covering all projects across Tactran during 2019/2020 is £303,755.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 This report has been prepared in consultation with Cycling Scotland and the Cycle Training & Development Officer.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In 2019/20 Tactran provided £18,338 towards jointly funding year costs of the embedded Regional Cycle Training & Development Officer in partnership with Cycling Scotland.

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

Report to Partnership RTP/16/12, 2016/17 Revenue Programme and Budget, 8 March 2016

Report to Partnership, RTP/18/11, 2018/19 Revenue Budget and Programme, 27 March 2018

Report to Partnership, RTP/19/10, 2019/20 Budget and Programme, 19 March 2019