

**TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP****EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****2 JULY 2013****2013/14 RTS REVENUE PROGRAMME: ACTIVE TRAVEL****JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR AND TREASURER**

This report seeks the Executive Committee's approval of funding allocations towards Active Travel walking and cycling projects within the 2013/14 RTS Revenue Programme.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 That the Executive Committee approves the recommended allocation of funding from the 2013/14 RTS Revenue Programme to Active Travel walking and cycling projects as outlined in the report and detailed in Appendix A.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (Report RTP/13/18 refers) the Partnership Board approved a finalised 2013/14 RTS Revenue Programme that includes a £77,815 allocation for Active Travel.
- 2.2 In order to complete on-going discussions with partner Councils and other stakeholders, and to evaluate and prioritise walking and cycling proposals within the Active Travel allocation, the Partnership agreed to remit consideration of Active Travel walking and cycling projects to the Executive Committee.

**3 DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The Active Travel budget of £77,815 makes provision for a range of sustainable and active travel activity the Partnership promotes through the work of the Travel Plan Officer and Sustainable Travel Liaison Group, including travel planning, smarter measures, walking and cycling projects and continuation of the Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme.
- 3.2 Of the £77,815 Active Travel budget for financial year 2013/14, £16,135 is allocated towards continuing travel planning, smarter measures and Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme. This provides an allocation of £61,680 for walking and cycling projects to support development of sustainable travel infrastructure and initiatives through potential contribution towards measures identified in the regional Walking and Cycling Strategy, Council Outdoor Access Strategies, Cycle Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) and Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) programmes by working in partnership with Partnership Councils, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans and other potential partners.
- 3.3 Following discussions with the regional Sustainable Travel Liaison Group, constituent Councils, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans and other potential partners, bids were requested to develop a programme of regional and local initiatives.

3.4 Twenty-four project bids were received requesting financial support well in excess of the available budget of £61,680. These have been prioritised according to aims and objectives within Tactran's Walking and Cycling Strategy. Appendix A provides details of the projects proposed for funding in 2013/14, together with a list of other projects that are reserved for future consideration.

#### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

4.1 The development of the programme of regional and local sustainable and travel projects was undertaken in consultation with Partnership Councils, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans and other potential partners at Tactran's Sustainable Travel Liaison Group.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The main resource implications are addressed within the report.

#### **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 paper, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) was relied on to a material extent in preparing this Report.

Report to Partnership Board RTP/13/18, 2013/14 Revenue Programme and Monitoring, 18 June 2013

## Appendix A

### Walking and Cycling Projects

#### Projects Prioritised for 2013/14

Organisation	Project	Description	Allocation
Dundee City Council	Feasibility study for Core Path 22 extension – Dighty at Balgillo and West Pitkerro	This route has been highlighted as a “missing link” in Dundee’s Outdoor Access Strategy 2012-2017	£5,000
Highland Perthshire Cycling	Cycle training and promotion	A project promoting, encouraging and training people to cycle more in Highland Perthshire, supported with £25,000 from the Climate Challenge Fund.	£5,580
NHS Tayside	Pool bikes to promote sustainable business travel	Two pool bikes and associated equipment (for PRI and Kings Cross Hospital) £1,000 funded by NHS Tayside	£1,500
NHS Tayside	Secure cycle parking at Murray Royal Hospital	Ten secure cycle lockers	£6,000
NHS Tayside	Secure cycle parking at Drumhar Health Centre, Perth	Four Sheffield stands for staff and visitor cycle parking	£1,500
Perth & Kinross Council	NCN route – Comrie to Crieff	Feasibility study for improvement of former railway line core path between Comrie and Crieff	£5,000
Perth & Kinross Council	Secure cycle parking at Viewlands Primary School, Perth	New cycle shelter to provide for large number of children cycling	£6,000
Perth & Kinross Council	Secure cycle parking at Greenloaning Primary School	New cycle shelter to provide for large numbers of children cycling/wishing to cycle	£6,000
Perth & Kinross Council	Green Routes Signing	Further funding to complete the Green Routes Signing project, started with 2012/13 Walking and Cycling Strategy allocation. £15,000 contribution from P&KC	£6,000
Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust	Path upgrade Kirkmichael to Loch Ordie	Continue building off-road network, previously funded by 2012/13 Walking and Cycling Strategy allocation. £6,400 to be secured from SSE	£7,000
Stirling Council	Walkable City Project	Website development, promotion and research. £4,750 from Stirling Council	£9,000
Stirling Council	Active Travel Cowie to Plean Path	Widening, drainage and resurfacing areas of path. £1,000 secured from SSE Beauldy-Denny Electricity Transmission Project	£3,100
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£61,680</b>

### Reserve List

Angus Council Local Community Partnership

Broken Spokes Coffee

Dundee University

Dundee University

Perth & Kinross Council

Perth & Kinross Council

Newtyle Path Network feasibility study and engineering works

New Social Enterprise proposing a bike coffee shop and workshop in central Stirling

Pilot bike hire scheme

Solar powered bike shelter

Acorn Dell walk, Crieff - feasibility study

Rattray Primary School Park and Stride and Ardblair Trail, Blairgowrie – provision of bollards with active travel information, walking and cycling times, etc.