

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**14 SEPTEMBER 2021****ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE REPORT****REPORT BY STRATEGY OFFICER (SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT) AND
REGIONAL CYCLE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

This report asks the Partnership to note allocation of projects for Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) and Tactran Active Travel Grant (ATG). The report also provides an update on Bikeability Scotland initiatives.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:

- (i) notes allocation of funding of Active Travel (ATG) and Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) by Executive Committee;
- (ii) agrees to reallocate funding to Broich Road, Crieff project as outlined paragraph 3.6 in the report;
- (iii) notes Officers' intentions to negotiate with Sustrans for additional funding for further projects within 2021/22, shown in Table 2;
- (iv) notes updates on Bikeability Scotland initiatives.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 As reported at its meeting on 15 June 2021 (Report RTP/21/14 refers) Tactran and Sustrans have been working in partnership to promote and deliver active travel projects in the Tactran region through the Active Travel Grant (ATG) scheme since 2014/15. Since 2018/19 Transport Scotland have made available a Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) available to the RTPs.

2.2 At its meeting on 15 June 2021 (Report RTP/21/14 refers) the Partnership agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to allocate this funding for 2021/22. This report provides detail of the distribution of these funds, as approved by the Executive Committee (Report RTP/21/20 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 It was reported to the Partnership in March that a minimum of £100,000 would be provided by Sustrans for Active Travel Grant (ATG) and £133,400 from Transport Scotland for Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) in 2021/22.

3.2 At its meeting on 16 March 2021, the Partnership also approved criteria for identifying suitable RATDF and ATG projects, that the funding be utilised to (Report RTP/21/04 refers):

- A: Take forward the recommendations of the 13 active travel audits previously undertaken at key settlements across Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas;
- B: Develop and implement key routes within the Tactran Regional Walking and Cycling Network (TRWCN);
- C: Develop and implement access to key services within the Tactran Region.

3.3 The total applications to Tactran from partner authorities came to £453,000. However, as noted above a minimum of £100,000 ATG and £133,400 RATDF is available, providing an initial £233,400 budget in 2021/22.

3.4 Table 1 below identifies projects approved by the Executive Committee (Report RTP/21/20 refers). These recommendations follow discussions with partner Local Authorities; Sustrans and Transport Scotland regarding which projects best meet the criteria and priorities:

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Angus Council	Installation of cycle and walking counters, within the previously funded audited areas to support business cases for bringing forward audit recommendations. In conjunction with Cycling Scotland framework agreement.	A + B	£35,000
Angus Council	Sidlaw Path Network – Community engagement and design phase from previous audit work.	A + B + C	£30,000
Dundee City Council	Community Engagement building on design work previously supported by Tactran on Coupar Angus Road.	A + B	£40,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Fairies Road, Perth: Design and construction to create a new path which will link to Perth Academy as well as bus stops.	C	£32,500
Perth and Kinross Council	Primrose Crescent, Perth: Construction of 2.5m path linking lady's cycle path, Gillespie crescent and Tulloch primary school. Relating back to previous travel audits.	A + C	£30,000

Stirling Council	Business cases for previously carried out feasibility studies from Dunblane to Bridge of Allan and Alloa to Stirling link.	A + B + C	£40,000
Stirling Council	Strategic Cycle GIS tool	B	£25,000

Table 1: Projects approved by Executive Committee (Report RTP/21/20 refers)

- 3.5 The above projects in Table 1 utilise £232,500 of the £233,400 available.
- 3.6 Following the Executive Committee report (Report RTP/21/20), further discussion with Perth & Kinross Council officers identified that it would not be possible to deliver the required works at Primrose Crescent in 2021/22. This was due to the footway works proposed forming part of a larger project, including flat topped ramps and puffin crossings, meaning that it would not be possible to consult, design and construct before the end of 2021/22 financial year. Following further discussion with Perth & Kinross Council officers and funding partners it is therefore recommended that the funding allocated to Primrose Crescent be reallocated to the Broich Road, Crieff project, as detailed in the reserve list in Table 2. The remaining £900 from the overall budget would also be allocated, bringing Tactran's contribution to £30,900. Perth & Kinross Council will provide match funding of £19,100.
- 3.7 Tactran Officers are currently in discussions with Sustrans to investigate the possibility of funding for further projects in 2021/22. The Executive Committee approved to note this reserve list, should further funding become available (RTP/ 21/20 refers). These projects are detailed below in Table 2:

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Angus Council	Access to heath centres, building on previous work which installed dropped kerbs.	A + C	£40,000
Dundee City Council	D&A College Gardyne Campus, feasibility study linking to NCN1.	B + C	£18,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Broich Road, Crieff. Construction and design of path linking two schools, supermarket and town centre. Relates to previous active travel audits funded by Tactran.	A+C	£50,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Viewlands Road, Perth. Construction of new footway across	A+C	£57,000

	frontage of Perth Academy between Fairies Road and Murray Terrace		
Perth and Kinross Council	Stormont Road, Scone. Continuation of shared use path (2.5m) from Stormont Road, linking to the Robert Douglas memorial school and proposed link around the site to cycle parking	C	£20,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Spoutwells Place, Scone. Continuation of/link from shared use path (2.5m) on Stormont Road.	C	£10,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Tulloch Road, Perth. Provision of footway for pedestrians between Wallace Crescent and Tulloch Terrace to connect residential area with Tulloch Primary School, shopping centre and community facilities. Relates to previous active travel audits for Bridgend Scone.	A + C	£25,000

Table 2 Project reserve list

Bikeability Scotland update

3.8 Bikeability Scotland cycle training is underway in many schools across Tactran in 2021/22.

3.9 During 2020/21, funding provided by Cycling Scotland across Tactran to support Bikeability Scotland delivery, including the funding Cycling Scotland provides for coordinator posts in Tactran local authorities, totalled £129,286. In the Tactran region 126 schools accessed Level 2 Bikeability Scotland sessions involving 4077 pupils. The below paragraph provides a breakdown by Local Authority area of involvement in Bikeability in 2020/21.

3.10 2020/21 Local Authority Breakdown

Level 1: Riders learn how to prepare for a journey, check their bike and equipment are safe, and develop control skills, good observations and decision making. They also learn the importance of sharing space responsibly with other people. Training is completed in a traffic free setting.

Level 2: Takes place on single lane roads with simple junctions and moderate traffic, after a rider has successfully demonstrated level 1 skills. Riders learn to make good and frequent observations, communicate their intentions clearly to other road users, decide on and use the most suitable riding position, understand priorities on a road and make decisions about when people wait and when people go.

Angus:

Level 1 Primary Schools x 24

Level 1 Pupils x 710

Level 2 Primary Schools x 34

Level 2 Pupils x 667

Percentage of school 67%

(Up 30% from 19/20 data & down 10% from 18/19 data)

Dundee:

Level 1 Primary School x 27

Level 1 Pupils x 1421

Level 2 Primary Schools x 27

Level 2 Pupils x 1416

Percentage of school - 82%

(Up 15% from 19/20 data & down 9% from 18/19 data)

Perth & Kinross:

Level 1 Primary Schools x 9

Level 1 Pupils x 257

Level 2 Primary Schools x 43

Level 2 Pupils x 1172

Percentage of school - 61%

(Up 40% from 19/20 data & up 2% from 18/19 data)

Stirling:

Level 1 Primary Schools x 0

Level 1 Pupils x 0

Level 2 Primary Schools x 22

Level 2 Pupils x 822

Percentage of school 58%

(Up 34% from 19/20 data & down 8% from 18/19 data)

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Tactran Officers have consulted with partner authorities as well as Sustrans and Transport Scotland in identifying priorities and projects.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Tactran has been granted a minimum of £100,000 from Sustrans and £133,400 from Transport Scotland for the Regional Active Travel Development Fund in 2021/22. All costs of the project will be funded through the Sustrans ATG and Transport Scotland's RATDF.

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/21/04 Budget and Monitoring, 16 March 2021

Report to Partnership, RTP/21/14 Active Travel Update, 15 June 2021

Report to Executive Committee, RTP/21/20 Active Travel Grants: Allocation of Funding for 2021/22, 3 August 2021