

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**14 JUNE 2022****ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRESS REPORT****REPORT BY STRATEGY OFFICER (SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT)**

This report asks the Partnership to approve the projects to be funded by the Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) and Tactran Active Travel Grant (ATG). The Partnership is also asked to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve reserve list allocation of projects in 2022/23 if required.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:

- (i) notes progress on developing projects on Active Travel (ATG) and Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) grants;
- (ii) approves projects funded by the Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) and Tactran Active Travel Grant (ATG) in 2022/23; and
- (iii) delegates authority to the Executive Committee to agree or reallocate reserve projects and award funding for the ATG and RATDF 2022/23.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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. The ATG has been designed to reflect and support Sustrans' Places for Everyone scheme and associated criteria. Funding comes to Tactran from Sustrans. This grant funding has been a minimum of £100,000 per annum.
- 2.2 Since 2018/19 Transport Scotland have made available a Regional Active Travel Development Fund (RATDF) available to the RTPs to progress the regional walking and cycling network. This grant funding has been a minimum of £133,400 per annum.
- 2.3 As reported to the Partnership at its meeting in March 2022, Transport Scotland provided an additional £225,000 in 2021/22. This resulted in Tactran providing a total of £458,400 grant funding to our constituent Councils during 2021/22 (Report RTP/22/05 refers).
- 2.4 Also at its meeting in March 2022, the Partnership approved criteria for identifying suitable active travel projects in 2022/23 and agreed to receive a further report at its next meeting (Report RTP/22/06 refers).

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 It was reported to the Partnership in March 2021 that it was anticipated that a minimum £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 2022/23.
- 3.2 Further discussions with Transport Scotland have since taken place and it is now anticipated that a grant of £500,000 will be provided by Transport Scotland. Tactran is awaiting final confirmation of the grants to be received from Transport Scotland and Sustrans; however, it is anticipated that a minimum of £100,000 will also be received from Sustrans, providing an anticipated total of £600,000. This report outlines the projects to be delivered for this anticipated budget.
- 3.3 At its meeting on 15th March 2022 (Report RTP/22/06 refers), the Partnership approved criteria for identifying suitable RATDF and ATG projects, that the funding be utilised to:
- 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); and
 - C: Develop and implement access to key services within the Tactran Region.
- 3.4 The table below identifies potential projects for 2022/23 from discussions which have been held with all four Local Authorities:

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Angus Council	Friockheim to Arbroath active travel route. Further consultation and feasibility of routes leading to preferred route option, on audit in 2020.	B	£30,000
Angus Council	Sidlaw Path Network (Newtyle to Dundee Circular) active travel route. Consultation and design.	B	£30,000
Angus Council	NCN 1 improvements from Arbroath to Easthaven, feasibility and design	B	£30,000

Angus Council	Montrose to Brechin Caledonian Railway line – transform to active travel corridor. Feasibility Study	B&C	£30,000
Dundee City Council	Perth Road – Hawkhill Strategic Active Travel Corridor, feasibility and preliminary design	C	£65,000
Dundee City Council	Lochee Road – Logie Street - Coupar Angus, Feasibility/Preliminary Design	A & B	£65,000
Dundee City Council	Harefield Road – Strathmore Avenue, Feasibility/Preliminary Design	A	£65,000
Dundee City Council	Strathmartine Road Strategic Active Travel Corridor, Feasibility and Preliminary Design	A & B	£65,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Pittenzie Road - Construction of shared-use path from Broich Road to Community Campus in Crieff. Construction	A	£50,000
Perth and Kinross Council	Station Road, Errol – construction	B	£25,000
Stirling Council	Kings Highway from Stirling to Drymen	B	£65,000
Stirling Council	Masterplan for Active Travel in Kildean/Craigforth	B	£80,000
Total			£600,000

- 3.5 The total cost for projects identified above is estimated at £600,000. The Partnership is asked to approve this list of projects and delegate authority to the Executive Committee to reallocate projects if required and to approve the following reserve list:

Organisation	Project	Criteria	Proposed Grant
Dundee City Council	Pitkerro Road Strategic Active Travel Corridor, Feasibility and Preliminary Design	B	£65,000
Dundee City Council	Western Gateway Sustainable Transport Links Feasibility and Preliminary Design	B	£65,000
Total			£130,000

3.6 Tactran officers are in the process discussing further additional aspirational Active Travel projects with our partner Local Authority officers, together with consideration of the criteria for such projects. A report regarding additional aspirational projects and the criteria for funding will be reported to a future Partnership meeting.

4 CONSULTATIONS

4.1 The Regional Active Travel Development Fund and Tactran Active Travel Grant projects have been developed in consultation with partner Local Authority Officers, Tactran Regional Transport Liaison Group and other appropriate stakeholders.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Tactran is anticipating £500,000 to be awarded by Transport Scotland for the Regional Active Travel Grant Fund in 2022/23.

5.2 Sustrans is anticipating a minimum allocation of £100,000 for the Tactran Active Travel Grant scheme in 2022/23.

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:

Reports to Partnership, RTP/22/05 2021/23 Budget and Monitoring and RTP/22/06 2022/23 Budget and Programme, 15 March 2022