

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

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ACTIVE TRAVEL UPDATE **REVISED**

REPORT BY DIRECTOR AND SENIOR PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

Purpose

This report asks the Partnership: to note updates on various Active Travel Behaviour Change and Infrastructure projects and to note progress being made in developing and delivering active travel behaviour change projects.

Summary

This report provides a summary of the various different Active Travel Grants available to RTPs and Local Authorities in 2024/25. It also provides a progress update on the Tactran Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes programme and asks the Partnership to consider and approve grant awards to Living Streets and Cyclehub.org.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 That the Partnership:

- (i) notes updates on various Active Travel Behaviour Change and Active Travel Infrastructure projects;
- (ii) notes progress in developing and delivering Active Travel Behaviour Change projects.
- (iii) Considers and approves award of grant of up to £200,000 to Living Streets as outlined within this report and Appendix A; and
- (iv) Considers and approves award of grant of up to £300,000 to Cyclehub.org as outlined within this report and Appendix B.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 12 December 2023 the Partnership was informed by the Director that RTPs are to provide proposals for active travel behaviour change initiatives for direct funding by Transport Scotland, with the amount of funding to be confirmed after Scottish Government budget setting.
- 2.2 A further verbal update was provided by the Director at the Partnership Special Meeting on 30 January 2024 noting that it was anticipated that Tactran would receive circa £1.9m in 2024/25 for Active Travel Behaviour Change initiatives.
- 2.3 A report giving an update on Active Travel initiatives was provided at the Partnership meeting on 12 March 2024 and the Director gave a presentation on

Active Travel initiatives with an emphasis on the Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes initiative (Report RTP/24/04). Following consideration of the report and presentation the Partnership subsequently resolved:

- to endorse the approach taken on the submission to Transport Scotland for Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes delivery funding;
- delegate authority to Director to finalise the Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes delivery programme in consultation with Local Authority partners;
- to note details of Community Transition Fund and embedded officers posts and also active travel and infrastructure development proposals for 2024/25; and
- to keep Members updated on the Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes delivery programme.

2.4 A further report was circulated to Partnership Members on 2 May 2024, providing an update on an update on the Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes delivery programme (Report RTP/24/09 refers and is available in Members area of the Tactran [website](#)).

3 DISCUSSION

Active Travel Behaviour Change (People and Place Programme) 2024/25

Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes Funding

3.1 As outlined in the Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes Update Report circulated to Members on 2 May 2024, Tactran has been awarded and accepted grant funding of £1,807,352 (36% Revenue / 64% Capital) from Transport Scotland for an Active Travel Behaviour Change programme in the Tactran region.

3.2 The approach taken to the Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes initiative is to tie in the Behaviour Change initiatives closely with existing and new active travel Infrastructure to encourage walking, cycling and wheeling where there are good facilities. This has led to 4 cluster sites having been identified and 8 different types of initiatives:

- Cluster 1 – Stirling (Allocation £378,000)
- Cluster 2 – Perth (Allocation £488,000)
- Cluster 3 – Dundee/Angus (Green Circular) (Allocation £473,000),
- Cluster 4 – Arbroath/Montrose (Allocation £261,000)

3.3 In each cluster area a combination of up to 8 Projects have been identified across 3 criteria that meet the Transport Scotland grant requirements of: Schools and Young People; Workplaces and Accessibility and Inclusion. Following an exercise asking for Expressions of Interest from Delivery Partners (both National and Local) and also seeking approval from Executive Committee the following progress has been made, as outlined in Table 1:

Theme	Project	Decision/Value
Urban Trail	1. Urban trail design/active travel improvement audits	ARUP appointed through SCAPE Framework to undertake work. Value: £300,000
Access to Bikes	2. Provision of secure cycle parking	Cycling Scotland awarded grant to work in partnership with Dundee and Angus Cycle Hub, Bike Station, Forth Environment Link and Recyke-a-bike to deliver a joint programme of initiatives. Grant Value: £800,000
	3. Access to bikes within schools	
	4. Access to bikes: Workplaces, communities and disadvantaged groups	
	5. Confidence building and cycle training for adults	
Active Travel Promotion	6. Active Travel promotion within schools (All Clusters)	Proposals received from Living Streets for a programme of initiatives promoting walking. Grant Value: £200,000.
	7. Engagement with schools (including parents/carers) on active travel	Proposals received from Cyclehub.org working in partnership with Bike Station, Forth Environment Link and Recyke-a-bike to deliver a joint programme of initiatives promoting cycling. Grant Value: £300,000
	8. Engagement and travel planning with communities and workplaces	

Table 1

- 3.4 As noted in Table 1, proposals have been received for Active Travel Promotion from Living Streets for a programme of initiatives promoting walking. The proposal is included as Appendix A to this report and is available within the members area of the Tactran website. The Partnership is asked to consider the proposal and approve award of grant for up to £200,000 to Living Streets.
- 3.5 As noted in Table 1, proposals have been received for Active Travel Promotion from Cyclehub.org working in partnership with The Bike Station, Forth Environment Link and Recyke-a-bike to deliver a joint programme of initiatives promoting cycling. The proposal is included as Appendix B to this report and is available within the members area of the Tactran website. The Partnership is asked to consider the proposal and approve award of grant for up to £300,000 to Cyclehub.org.
- 3.6 In addition to the projects and values outlined in Table 1, part of the grant provided by Transport Scotland is ensure that Tactran has the resources to project manage and deliver the projects, with approximately £200,000 being provided for this purpose. This will be provided by a combination of Tactran officers supported by ARUP through the SCAPE Framework.

Community Projects Transition Fund

- 3.1 Recognising that there needs to be a transition period for community organisation funded scheme, Transport Scotland have presented a new delivery model for delivering active travel interventions within the community and 3rd sector level projects. Paths for All are to lead on delivering this across Scotland. This grant will be allocated to community level and 3rd sector projects across Scotland, with Tactran managing Paths for All grant process. Transport Scotland has awarded Tactran £2.5m grant on behalf of all RTPs, which Tactran has accepted and has subsequently awarded grant of £2.5m to Paths for All. An embedded officer from Paths for All will work with Tactran to administer the grant process.

Direct Award to Local Authorities

- 3.2 Transport Scotland's review of active travel funding has implications across all local authorities. Therefore, Transport Scotland has provided direct award of grant to all 32 Scottish Local Authorities to assist them with maintaining Active Travel Behaviour Change officers and initiatives.

Active Travel Infrastructure 2024/25 funding

- 3.3 In previous years, Tactran has received direct funding from Transport Scotland for active travel infrastructure projects under the title of 'Regional Active Travel Grant Fund.' Transport Scotland have advised that this direct funding is not available to RTPs in 2024/25.
- 3.4 Three sources of funding are available for Active Travel Infrastructure in 2024/25: (i) Transport Scotland's Active Travel Infrastructure Fund, (ii) Sustrans Places for Everyone and (iii) Cycling Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) direct award to Local Authorities. In addition to Tactran giving consideration to each of the funds available, our constituent Local Authorities also gave consideration with some submitting bids.

Active Travel Infrastructure Fund

- 3.5 Transport Scotland invited bids to an Active Travel Infrastructure Fund in 2024/25 for 'construction ready' projects.
- 3.6 Although a pipeline of active travel projects has been developed across the Tactran region, there were no regional 'construction ready' projects in 2024/25 and therefore Tactran was unable to bid for grant funding. It is understood that some of our constituent Local Authorities have bid for funding.

Places for Everyone

- 3.7 Sustrans' Places for Everyone invited bids to take forward design and construction projects. A pipeline of proposed projects has been developed in consultation with partnership authorities.

- 3.8 Tactran, following discussion with our Local Authorities, bid for a number Active Travel design projects, but was not successful. It is understood that some of our constituent Local Authorities have also bid for funding.
- 3.9 Tactran, however has worked with Perth & Kinross Council and Dundee City Council on bids for Sustainable Transport Corridors arising from the Tayside Bus Alliance Strategic Business Case and these are reported on in a separate report to this meeting.

Direct Award to Local Authorities

- 3.10 Transport Scotland has also confirmed that in 2024/25 Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) funding will be provided directly to local authorities as part of their Block Funding allocation.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 Tactran officers have consulted with partnership local authorities as well as National and Local Active Travel Delivery Partners, Transport Scotland and other relevant organisations in identifying priorities and projects.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Tactran has been awarded a regional grant of £1,807,352 for Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes Delivery and a national grant of £2.5m for Community fund.

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. The Active Travel Behaviour Change (People and Place Programme) 2024/25 will include the following impact assessments:

- Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EqIA)
- Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)
- Health Inequalities Impact Assessment (HIIA)

- 6.2 The requirements of the Fairer Scotland Duty will be met through the EqIA, CRWIA and HIIA processes included within the Integrated Impact Assessment.

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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/24/04, Active Travel Update, 12 March 2024

Report to Partnership RTP/24/09, Active Travel Behaviour Change and Access to Bikes Update, 2 May 2024