

TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP**10 DECEMBER 2024****ACTIVE TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE 2025/26****REPORT BY PROJECTS MANAGER****Purpose**

This report asks the Partnership to note proposals for Tactran People and Place Programme commencing financial year 2025/26. The report asks the Partnership to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to approve the final application to Transport Scotland for funding to support the People and Place programme.

Summary

This report provides information on an intended submission for the continuation of People and Place programmes in 2025/26.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS**1.1 That the Partnership:**

- (i) notes the intended submission to Transport Scotland for the continued operation of the Tactran People and Place programme, in line with updated guidance from Transport Scotland; and
- (ii) delegates authority to the Tactran Executive Committee to confirm and approve the proposed submission to Transport Scotland.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 12 December 2023 the Partnership was informed that RTPs were to provide proposals for active travel behaviour change initiatives for direct funding by Transport Scotland (RPT/23/31). This was confirmed by the Director as a verbal update at the Partnership Special Meeting on 30 January 2024. The partnership was subsequently awarded £1.8m for use in 2024/25 for Active Travel Behaviour Change initiatives under the People and Place (P&P) fund.
- 2.2 Further updates on Active Travel initiatives were provided at the Partnership meetings on 12 March 2024 (Report RTP/24/04), 11 June 2024 (Report RTP/24/14), and 10 September 2024 (Report RTP/24/25). Further updates on Active Travel initiatives were provided at the Partnership meetings on 12 March 2024 (Report RTP/24/04), 11 June 2024 (Report RTP/24/14), and 10 September 2024 (Report RTP/24/25). Appendix D of Item 6 2024/25 budget and monitoring report to this meeting provides details of initiatives undertaken in quarter 2 of 2024/25.
- 2.3 On the 18 September 2024 (RTP Operational Group meeting) Transport Scotland informed RTPs of changes to the programmes supporting Active

Travel initiatives, including a Terms of Reference document proposing an extension to the programme to be delivered from 2025/26. A timeline for applications was also provided in draft. RTPs were requested to develop proposals to the expanded People and Place fund in line with the emerging guidance.

- 2.4 The revised programme for delivery from 2025/26, as notified by TS, includes substantive changes being; the expansion of scale to include community projects, previously supported by the Community Projects Transition Fund (CPTF); and a broadening of scope to include aspects of Sustainable Travel under the same fund. The 2025/26 programme will also extend to include coordination to support RTP and Local Authority (LA) activities, understood to include LA funding streams focused on staffing capacity.

3 DISCUSSION

Active and Sustainable Travel Behaviour Change (People and Place Programme) 2025/26

- 3.1 Tactran has been asked to apply for grant funding by Transport Scotland for an Active and Sustainable Travel Behaviour Change programme in the Tactran region.
- 3.2 A draft proposal was developed by Tactran which includes structure, design, and proposed allocations for circulation to Partnership Members available in Members area of the Tactran [website](#), and discussed below.
- 3.3 The proposed programme maintains the same four themes as previously developed, being: Schools and young people, Workplaces, Accessibility and inclusion, and Capacity and capability. The 2025/26 programme, as proposed, would also extend to include coordination to support RTP and LA activities, including LA funding streams focused on staffing capacity. All Tactran Local Authorities have been actively involved in the development of the draft proposal.
- 3.4 The proposal develops a scale of engagement concept, initially applied in the 2024/25 programme as 'clusters', proposing an update to reflect the broadening of scope and scale set out in the TS guidance. The update develops from the Regional Transport Strategy priorities, based on mapping overlays to identify locations of intersecting need, to provide three geographical definitions for application: community, locality, and regional.
- 3.5 The 2025/26 Tactran People and Place programme is proposed as three 'funds': a community fund, focused on locally delivered projects; a place fund, focused on priority interventions at a locality level; and a regional fund, focused on complex and multi-authority projects. The programme as proposed would be planned on a five-year cycle, subject to review and continued funding.
- 3.6 RTP submissions to the fund are anticipated to be requested shortly after the announcement of the Scottish Budget (December 2024), to be followed by a process of review, anticipated to run to February 2025. This would likely run in

parallel with the passage of budget allocations through government, concluding as a final round of budget allocation in February 2025.

- 3.7 The Tactran People and Place application will be fully costed on the basis of budget allocations to the fund, at the completion of government allocation rounds. An indicative budget allocation has been included in the draft proposal in discussion with Transport Scotland.
- 3.8 Given the uncertainty of precise decision dates it is requested that the Partnership delegates approval of the final submission to Transport Scotland to the Executive Committee.
- 3.9 Delivery processes for the 2025/26 programme have been developed with support from Arup and are set out in the draft proposal. These include proposed delivery programmes, resource and partner support, and administration. It is anticipated that a bulk of administration would be delivered in-house by Tactran officers. Some aspects of administration and delivery common across RTPs have also been identified as appropriate for a uniform approach. This including, but not limited to, application processes, standardised reporting, monitoring and evaluation. A series of discussions have been undertaken and are ongoing to ensure that, to the extent possible and pragmatic, common formats are applied across RTPs.
- 3.10 Further aspects of delivery, including monitoring and evaluation requirements are based on guidance provided by Transport Scotland. These are subject to development and update by Transport Scotland and discussed at programme delivery and evaluation group meetings hosted by TS. All RTPs are engaged in the groups and have worked closely with TS to ensure a systematic approach is agreed and taken forward.
- 3.11 Given that work is ongoing, a presentation providing an update on the 2025/26 Tactran People and Place programme will be given at the Partnership meeting.

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 The proposed submission would seek support from Transport Scotland to meet delivery costs of the Tactran People and Place programme 2025/26. The application covering all operational, support, and administrative costs, including resource and partner support. It is anticipated this would include Tactran staffing and delivery costs, reporting and application costs for subsequent programme years.

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 includes 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/23/31, Tactran Annual Report 2022/23, 12 December 2023

Report to Partnership RTP/24/04, Active Travel Update, 12 March 2024

Report to Partnership RTP/24/14, Active Travel Update, 11 June 2024

Report to Partnership RTP/24/25, Active Travel Behaviour Change Update, 10 September 2024