

REPORT TO KINCARDINE & MEARN'S AREA COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2017

PROGRAMME FOR WALKING, CYCLING AND SAFETY INITIATIVES

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the Aberdeenshire wide projects that were approved by Infrastructure Services Committee on 1 June 2017 and are included in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report; and
- 1.2 Consider and comment on the programme of works for Kincardine and Mearns Area for financial year 2017/18 as shown in Appendix 3 which will be agreed by the Infrastructure Services Committee in October 2017.

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 This report brings together all of the funding sources for projects and infrastructure for Walking, Cycling and Safety Initiatives in financial year 2017/18. Capital funding totalling £3m comes from:

Funding Source	Amount
Cycling and Walking line in Capital Plan (including carry over)	£818,000
Safety Initiatives line in Capital Plan (includes carry over)	£638,000
Scottish Government's Cycling, Walking and Safer Street (CWSS) funding	£359,000
Revenue Budget for Active Travel that will be used to fund Capital Expenditure as Capital for Current Revenue	£400,000
Nestrans approved Capital Programme for 2017/18	£280,000
Match funding from the Community Links funding allocated by Transport Scotland and managed by Sustrans	£290,000
Allocated Developer Obligation to be used for the footpath at Sauchan	£115,000
Grant funding from Sustrans Safer Routes to School Programme	£100,000
Total	£3,000,000

- 2.2 At its meeting on 1 June 2017 Infrastructure Service Committee approved the Aberdeenshire Council wide projects. These are included for information as Appendix 1 to this report. The total value of this approved work is £910,000.
- 2.3 In addition to the Capital funding, there are a number of funding sources to deliver the softer measures related to Walking, Cycling and Safety Initiatives such as promotion campaigns, marketing and education. Funding to meet the work plan will come from;
 - (1) £238,410 will come from Aberdeenshire Council's own Revenue budget, namely the Strategic Initiatives budget line together with the Road Safety budget line; and

(2) A Smarter Choices Smarter Places allocation of almost £238,410. This budget is a Transport Scotland grant managed by Paths for All.

- 2.4 The programme for financial year 2017/18 that was submitted to and agreed by Paths for All forms the Work Plan that is shown in Appendix 2 to this report. The total value of this work programme is £476,820.
- 2.5 This plan represents a series of activities and campaigns rather than physical infrastructure. Being indicative rather than prescriptive, some activities will develop and change during the financial year.
- 2.6 The Area specific projects to be funded from the Capital Programme are shown in Appendix 3 to this report. The appendix also shows a series of reserve schemes for most areas and these will be brought forward if the other projects incur any delay. This Committee is asked to comment on the capital projects for this Area and comments will be reported back to Infrastructure Services Committee on 05 October 2017.
- 2.7 For Kincardine and Mearns Area, the projected overall financial allocation is £117,000 for area specific projects to be delivered by the Roads Service, a £47,000 share of Aberdeenshire wide projects and £161,000 of area specific projects to be delivered by the Transportation Service. This totals £325,000 with further £55,000 in reserve schemes.
- 2.8 The works contained within all the programmes will be carried out using both in house staff and private contractors recruited through the appropriate tendering process and in line with the Procurement Work Plans already approved by the appropriate committees.
- 2.9 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer from Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section 6.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the scheme of Governance to comment on Capital projects for their Area and make recommendations to appropriate Policy Committees.

4. Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equalities impact assessment is not required because the proposals within this report will not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no direct staffing or financial implications associated with this report.

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Appendix 1

Programme for Walking, Cycling and Safety Initiatives

Strategic Projects 2017/18

Project	Description
Inverurie to Aberdeen: Kintore to Blackburn Section.	Project aims to build upon the work undertaken to date (construction of Kintore to Business Park shared use path, Design and tender of Kintore Business Park to Thainstone) as part of an overall Inverurie to Aberdeen strategic link. A route option assessment was undertaken during financial year 2016/17 and it is proposed that this work is now progressed to a detailed design to provide a shared use path between Kintore and Blackburn.
Ellon to Aberdeen	A route option assessment was undertaken during financial year 2016/17 exploring options to capitalise on de-trunked sections of the A90N between Balmedie and Tipperty. It is proposed to develop this work to undertake a more detailed design which would provide an off road shared use path linking Ellon to Balmedie to tie into links being created between Bridge of Don, Blackdog and Balmedie.
Stonehaven to Aberdeen	A route feasibility and review was undertaken during financial year 2016/17 to consider options to provide a strategic link between Stonehaven and Aberdeen. This work will be progressed to consider design of localised improvements along this long distance corridor as part of a longer term strategy of improvements.
Formartine and Buchan Way	Following a route review and audit undertaken during financial year 2016/17 key pressure points along the Formartine and Buchan Way have been identified where localised improvements could be made, typically in areas within 5km of settlements along the route. This work will inform the development of improvement schemes to be developed during financial year 2017/18.
A947 Route Improvement Strategy	Continuation of ongoing work to deliver the short and longer term actions contained within the approved Strategy.
Total value of the above Projects is £910,000	

Appendix 2

Programme for Walking, Cycling and Safety Initiatives

Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Programme 2017/18

Advertising		Budget
Project	Description	Budget
Advertising _ Screen (cinema, TV online)	Promotion of sustainable and active travel.	£ 80,000
Advertising _ On Street (Bus backs, Shelters)	Promotion of sustainable and active travel	£ 20,000
Advertising _ Radio	Promotion of sustainable and active travel.	£ 2,000
Marketing _ GrassHOPPER	Promotion of sustainable and active travel.	£ 2,000
Marketing _ Maps	Materials to promote new map launch.	£ 1,000
Interlooper	Unique interactive flyer promoting sustainable and active travel.	£ 5,000
	Staffing Costs	£ 9,450
Sub Total Advertising		£119,450

Communities Events		Budget
Project	Description	Budget
Safety, Sustainable and Active Travel Road Show	Travelling Roadshow towns. c	£ 20,000
Community Walking Challenge	Linked to map launch. Public engagement in exploring new map routes, competition.	£ 1,500

Communities Events (continued)		
Project	Description	Budget
Community Cycle Challenge	Linked to map launch. Public engagement in exploring new map routes, competition.	£ 1,340
Ride Leader Training	Training to encourage more cycle participation amongst adults.	£ 1,600
Leisureland Events	Attendance at existing community galas.	7160
	Staffing Costs	£ 27,000
Sub Total Communities Events		£ 58,600

Communities Mapping and Signing		
Project	Description	Budget
Walking Maps	Roll out of new walking maps.	£ 2,500
Cycle Maps	Roll out of new cycling maps.	£ 2,500
Public Interactive Mapping Project	Joint project with Public Transport Unit information kiosks. (PTU to utilize)	£10 0,000
	Staffing Costs	£ 19,575
Sub Total Communities Events		£124,575

Businesses		
Project	Description	Budget
E-Bikes _Running, Manage and Promote	Loan scheme for Aberdeenshire Council staff to try new bikes.	£ 500
All Modes Challenge	Event to encourage use of wide range of travel options.	£ 2,500
Bus Promo	Joint project with PTU team.	£ 5,000
Love to Ride September	Annual cycle challenge event.	£ 12,500
Walking/Pedometer Challenge	Annual May event with Healthy Working Lives.	£ 5,000
Business Support_ Aberdeenshire	Targeting internal teams with highest CO2 output.	
Business Support_ External	Targeting business at Westhill.	
E-Cargo Bike	Launch of deliveries by E-bike _ Phase 1 Inverurie.	£ 500
	Staffing Costs	£ 24,300
Sub Total Businesses		£ 50,300

Schools		
Project	Description	Budget
Walk Once a Week (WOW) for ITT1 and ITT2 schools	WOW continued roll out.	£ 25,000
Schools Resource Pack	Innovative approach to embedding active and sustainable travel into the Curriculum for Excellence.	£ 5,000

Schools (continued)		
Project	Description	Budget
I-Bike	Sustrans supported resource working with school cluster groups to encourage young cyclists, female cyclists in particular.	£ 15,000
Parksmart/1 Sec/One Life Development	Development and roll out of new campaign materials.	£ 10,000
Winter Walking and Cycling Support Pack	High profile campaign to provide high visibility clothing and lights to delivery boys/girls.	£ 5,000
Velotech Training	Bike maintenance to support local groups.	£ 4,000
	Staffing Costs	£ 20,250
Sub Total Schools		£ 84,250

Monitoring, Evaluation & Development		
Project	Description	Budget
ITT1 and ITT2 follow up Non Motorised User Surveys March 2018	Ongoing surveys of residents in ITT towns.	£ 15,000
Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting	Annual independent report.	£ 5,000
Town Centre Pedestrian Counters	Additional approach to monitoring levels of walking in ITT towns.	£ 1,000
	Staffing Costs	£ 3,645
Sub Total Monitoring, Evaluation & Development		£ 24,645
Project Management Costs		£ 15,000
Total Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Programme		£476,820

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Value (£)
Disabled Facilities	Provision of Disabled Facilities	5,000
A93 Nether Knox Embankment Reconstruction	Installation of Gabions	100,000
U103K between Eskview Farm and St Cyrus Nature Reserve	Passing Places	12,000
	Total to be delivered by Roads	117,000
ITT Cycleway Schemes	Design and Feasibility of Future Cycleway Schemes in 5 ITT Towns of Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Inverurie, Portlethen & Huntly (Joint Project covering B&B, Buchan, Garioch, K&M & Marr).	113,116 total across Aberdeenshire to be spent within K/M area 22623
Long Distance Paths	Development of Long Distance Paths (Joint Project covering Buchan, Garioch, Formartine, K&M).	76,429 total across Aberdeenshire 19107 to be spent within K/M area

Pedestrian Counters	Implementation of Remote Access Pedestrian Counters to allow for Monitoring (Joint Project covering all 6 Areas).	32,000 total across Aberdeenshire 5333 to be spent in K/M area.
Total share of Aberdeenshire wide Projects		
Evan Street, Stonehaven	Construction of Pedestrian Crossing	47,000
Bramble Way, Portlethen	Upgrade Dementia Friendly Local Path	40,000
Playground Loop, Portlethen	Upgrade Dementia Friendly Local Path	24,000
Easter Place, Portlethen	Upgrade Dementia Friendly Local Path	24,500
Stonehaven to Aberdeen Cycleway	Detailed Design of Long Distance Corridor	12,500
Total to be delivered by Transportation		
161,000		
Reserve Schemes		
C5K Stranog	Passing Places	6,000
U127K Seagreen	Turning Circle – Investigation & Land	10,000
C10K North of Junction with A92	Passing Places	12,000
C14K Woodside of Forgie	Passing Places	6,000
U72K between Junction U73K & A90	Passing Places	11,000
U76K between Junction U19K & U76K	Passing Places	4,000
U81K near Junction with C26K	Passing Places	3,000
C16K Brae Road, Gourdon	Footway Extension	3,000
Total of Reserve Schemes		
55,000		

