

**REPORT TO FORMARTINE 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 Formartine 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 £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 Formartine Area, the projected overall financial allocation is £174,000 for area specific projects to be delivered by the Roads Service, a £94,000 share of Aberdeenshire wide projects and £327,000 for area specific projects to be delivered by the Transportation Service. This total £595,000 with a further £109,000 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		
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		
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.	£7,160
	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)	£100,000
	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

Appendix 3

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Value (£)
Disabled Facilities	Provision of Disabled Facilities	5,000
B9170 Carriageway Widening of A947	Carriageway Widening	30,000
Balmedie Primary School – Bus Bays	Construction	30,000
High Street, Turriff – Build Outs	Construction at Tesco Car Park	15,000
C100B Hillhead, Ellon – Build Out	Construction	15,000
Slains School, Collieston	Extension of Existing Lay-by	2,000
Turriff Golf Course	Construction of Footway Link	20,000
Station Road, Ellon	Pedestrian Crossing	27,000
Deveron Road, Turriff	Construction of Footway Link	30,000
	Total to be delivered by Roads	174,000
A947 Strategic Route Improvements	Implementation of Works associated with A947 Strategic Route Improvements (Joint Project covering B&B, Garioch & Formartine).	80,000 total across the length of the A947. 26,666 to be spent within Formartine area.
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 22,623 to be spent within Formartine area.
Long Distance Paths	Development of Long Distance Paths (Joint Project covering Buchan, Garioch, Formartine, K&M).	76,429 total across Aberdeenshire. 19,107 to be spent within Formartine area.

Formartine & Buchan Way Cycle Improvements	Detailed Design of Improvement Schemes along the F&B Corridors in Settlement Areas within 5Kms of the Route (Joint Project covering Buchan & Formartine).	40,000 total across Aberdeenshire. 20,000 to be spent within Formartine area.
Pedestrian Counters	Implementation of Remote Access Pedestrian Counters to allow for Monitoring (Joint Project covering all 6 Areas).	32,000 total across Aberdeenshire. 5,333 to be spent within Formartine area.
	Total Share of Aberdeenshire wide Projects	£94,000
Ellon to Balmedie Cycleway	Detailed Design of Off Road Shared Use Path linking Ellon to Balmedie	40,000
Knockothie to Auchterellon Shared Used Path	Design Works following on from Ellon ITT	17,000
Ellon Riverside to Formartine & Buchan Way		270,000
	Total to be delivered by Transportation	327,000
Reserve Schemes		
B9005 Methlick		2,000
Cultercullen	Speed Tables	15,000
Rothienorman Traffic Calming	Design	2,000
Old Aberdeen Road, Balmedie	Construction of Footway Link	20,000
Castle Road, Ellon	Pedestrian Build Out	20,000
Udny Road, Ellon	Construction of Footway Link	15,000
High Street, Cuminestown	Construction of Footway Link	15,000
Hospital Road, Ellon	Construction of Footway Link	15,000
B9000 Pitmedden to Football Pitch	Country Style Footpath	5,000
	Total Revenue Schemes	109,000