

REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 29 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 Marr 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 (Item 13) 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 Marr Area, the projected overall financial allocation is £183,300 for area specific projects to be delivered by the Roads Service and £313,000 for a share of Aberdeenshire wide projects and for area specific projects to be delivered by the Transportation Service. This total £496,300 with a further £171,200 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 B.6.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the scheme of Governance which allows Area Committees 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
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
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		
Project Management Costs		
Total Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Programme		
		£ 24,645
		£ 15,000
		£476,820

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Value (£)
Disabled Facilities	Provision of Disabled Facilities	5,000
A93 Peterculter to Braemar	Reflective Road Studs	21,200
A944 / B993 to A97	Reflective Road Studs	28,700
A97 / A944 to Formartine Road	Reflective Road Studs	48,400
Traffic Calming Measures	Implementation resulting from Speed Assessments	20,000
U48K Braithens	Passing Places	20,000
B9002 Kennethmont Footway	Design & Land Acquisition	25,000
A97 Logie Coldstone Footway	Construction	15,000
	Total to be delivered by Roads	183,300
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). Amount shown is total spend across all relevant areas.	113,116 total across Aberdeenshire 22,666 to be spent in Marr area.
West Park / East Park, Huntly	Quiet Lanes	20,000
Deveron Road, Huntly	Shared Use Path Linking to School	150,000
Bridge Street, Banchory	Extension to Car Park	65,000

Pedestrian Counters	Implementation of Remote Access Pedestrian Counters to allow for Monitoring (Joint Project covering all 6 Areas). Amount shown is total spend across all relevant areas.	32,000 total across Aberdeenshire 5,333 to be spent in Marr area.
Hill of Banchory Woodland Path		50,000
	Total to be delivered by Transportation	313,000
Reserve Schemes		
A93 Colnabaichin Junction	Implementation of Outcomes from Speed Assessments	10,000
U13M Oldyleiper	Passing Places	1,200
C29 Pitmurchie Road	Passing Places	60,000
B9002 Kennethmont Footway	Construction	55,000
A93 Banchory Footway (Caravan Park to Bus Stop)	Design & Construction	15,000
A93 Banchory East Footway / Crathes Link	Footpath Improvements	25,000
Huntly Arms Hotel, Aboyne	Construction of Footway Link	5,000
	Total Reserve Schemes	171,200