

REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 12 MAY 2016

PROGRAMME FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL AND ROAD SAFETY

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Agree to the programme of capital works for 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to this report;**
- 1.2 **Refer the projects as detailed in Appendix 1 to Area Committee for approval;**
- 1.3 **Agree to the programme of revenue funded projects for 2016/17 as detailed in Appendix 3 to this report; and**
- 1.4 **Delegate authority for the approval of costs associated with contract re-measurement to the Head of Roads, Landscape Services and Waste Management and/or Head of Transportation, as appropriate.**

2 Background/Discussions

- 2.1 This report brings together all of the funding sources for projects and infrastructure for Active Travel and Road Safety. Capital funding totalling £2.786m comes from:
 - (1) Aberdeenshire Council's own Capital Plan, namely £989k from Cycling and Walking and also £591k from Safety Initiatives;
 - (2) £286k from the Scottish Governments Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) funding;
 - (3) A £250k allocation within Aberdeenshire Council's Revenue Budget that will be used to fund Capital Expenditure as Capital from current revenue;
 - (4) £370k from Nestrans approved Capital Programme for 2016/17;
 - (5) £185k of match funding that has been sought from the Community Links funding allocated by Transport Scotland and managed by Sustrans. It was anticipated that this funding would be confirmed by the time of writing this report. Confirmation has been delayed but for the purposes of this report it is assumed that this allocation will be confirmed; and
 - (6) Allocated Developer Obligation of £115k to be used for the footpath at Sauchen.

- 2.2 All of these funding sources have been pooled together to fund the draft Work Plan for Capital Works related to Active Travel and Road Safety as shown in **Appendix 1 and 2** to this report. The projects are split into a Main List and a Reserve List by area and approval of the overall plan will allow for schemes to be brought forward from the reserve list if required. The overall total for the Main Project schemes is £2.815m which slightly exceeds the available funding of £2.786m and the budget will be monitored and managed to ensure no overspend of available resources.
- 2.3 This report also brings together all of the funding sources to deliver the softer measures related to Active Travel and Road Safety such as promotion campaigns, marketing and education. Funding to meet the costed work plan of £506.4k comes from;
- (1) Aberdeenshire Council's own Revenue budget, namely an allocation of £236.4k (of which £119.7k is staff resources) from the £471k for the Strategic Initiatives budget line together with an allocation of £30k from the £245k for the Road Safety budget line; and
 - (2) A Smarter Choices Smarter Places allocation of almost £240k. This budget is a Transport Scotland grant managed by Paths for All. The programme for financial year 2016/17 that was submitted to Paths for All by their deadline of 31 March 2016 forms the Work Plan that is shown in **Appendix 3** to this report.
- 2.4 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 such that there is not a requirement for a Main or Reserve List.
- 2.5 The works contained within the programme will be carried out using both in house staff and private contractors recruited through the appropriate tendering process.
- 2.6 Where works included in this programme are let to external contractors, the usual Civil Engineering Contracts will apply and these contracts will be subject to re-measurement in accordance with the applicable Methods of Measurement. This may well vary the sum due to the Contractor from that stated in the estimated value reported to Committee. The Committee is therefore asked to delegate authority for the approval of costs associated with contract re-measurement to the Head of Roads, Landscape Services and Waste Management and/or Head of Transportation, as appropriate. In accordance with clauses 5.3.21 and 5.3.22 of the Financial Regulations this delegation is limited to an increase of not more than 25% of the estimate included in this report. Any movement in the outturn cost of works will be monitored and managed within the overall budget availability.
- 2.7 Whilst the two work plans are separated into physical infrastructure and behaviour change intervention along capital and budget lines the members should be assured that the two plans do link to one another and all works are delivered taking an integrated approach.

- 2.8 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report.
- 2.9 The Head of Commercial and Procurement Services has been consulted in preparation with this report and is supportive of the report.

3 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 3.1 An equality assessment is not required as there will be no differential impact, as a result of this report, on people with protected characteristics. All of the specific interventions. Strategies, projects and policies referred to in the report will be separately assessed against the relevant legislation.
- 3.2 There are no direct staffing implications associated with this report.
- 3.3 The Council's element towards the delivery of the Active Travel and Road Safety Projects as shown in **Appendix 1 and 2** to this report will be met from the Cycling and Walking and Safety Initiatives budgets which fall under the "Caring for Communities" line of the Capital Plan.
- 3.4 The Council's commitment to deliver the behaviour change interventions as detailed in **Appendix 3** to this report will be met from the Transportation Strategy Initiatives and Road Safety budgets (page 94, lines 13 and 9 respectively).

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APPENDIX 1

Banff and Buchan – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled Facilities		10000
A97 Hilltown	Verge widening and embankment stabilisation	25000
A97 Hilltown	Road widening	50000
Castlebrae, Blacklaw, Aberchirder	Land acquisition	15000
Traffic Management Reviews		10000
B9025 Cranna to Hillhead of Carnousie	Verge stabilisation – Phase 1	50000
C13L Fordyce to Brodiesford	Passing Places	20000
Seafield Street, Portsoy	Provision of Pedestrian Crossing	30000
Fraserburgh Cycle Network from B9107 at Inverallochy Crossroads eastwards to St Combs	Provision of new footway/cycleway	21000

Banff and Buchan – Reserve Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
B9123 Dubford to Gardenstown	Land acquisition	25000
B9123 Dubford to Gardenstown	Verge stabilisation	175000
U137B/A98 at Cowbog to C137B at Redmoss	Passing Places	20000
C15B/TRA90 at Gash of Philorth to Invernoth	Passing Places	20000
B9031/A98 Watermill Road, Fraserburgh	Left Turn Lane	35000
Fraserburgh Cycle Network – B9033 Fraserburgh to Waters of Philorth	Provision of new footway/cycleway	399000
Fraserburgh Cycle Network – B9031 Pitullie to Rosehearty	Existing footway to surfaced cycleway	437500

Buchan – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled Facilities		5000
Speed Limits Classified and Unclassified – Construction	Construction	5000
Interactive Signs Buchan	Interactive Signs	9000
B9093 Strichen from A981 westwards	Embankment stabilisation	55000
C28B at Blackhills	Embankment stabilisation	56000
Berryden Road, Peterhead	20mph signs at school	8000
Waterside Way, Peterhead	Traffic calming	7000
Station Road, Mintlaw	New pedestrian crossing	38000
Peterhead – West Road, Meethill	Improvement to junction layout island at roundabout	22000
Chapel Street, Peterhead	Reopening to traffic	73000
New Pitsligo - School Street	Walkway Design	4000
Peterhead Cycle network	Coastal path – North Road to Golf Road Phase 1	146000
A90 Meethill Road, Peterhead	Construction of section of widened cycleway	40000

Buchan – Reserve Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
U33B	Passing Places	59000
Abernethy Road, Peterhead	Traffic Calming	11000
C101B	Passing Places – Phase 1	50000
C101B	Passing Places – Phase 2	55000
U66B Lendrum Terrace, Boddam	Install vehicle restraint system	18000
A952 C72B to U74B – Land	Embankment stabilisation	4000
U19B near Lonmay Hall	Construct layby/passing places	16000
Peterhead – South Road at Links Terrace	Pedestrian refuge/turning lane	6000
B9030 The Square, Stuartfield	Traffic Calming	21000
A952 C72B to U74B – Construction	Embankment stabilisation	96000
Broad Street, Peterhead	Junction improvement	27000
Peterhead Cycle network	Coastal path – North Road to Golf Road Phase 2	148000

Buchan – Reserve Projects (contd)

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
A981 – Junction C104B	Construction	79000
Peterhead Baylands Crescent	Traffic calming	22000
Peterhead Cycle Network	Victoria Road to Gadle Braes	74000
Deer Abbey Footway/Cycleway	Cycleway, walkway	13200
Rocksley Drive, Boddam	Footway	19500

Garioch – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled Facilities		5000
U61C Swailend Phase 2	Passing places and drainage	45000
C11D Burnhervie Phase 2	Passing places and drainage	18000
Westhill – Remote footways	Improvements to remote footways within Westhill	50000
B9119 Garlogie Phase 2	Footpath improvements	50000
A987 Broomhill to Midmill	Footpath improvements	49000
A96 Inverurie – Kintore Cycleway (Phase 1)	Construction Kintore Business Park to Railway Station	200000
A96 Inverurie – Kintore Cycleway (Phase 2)	Land Acquisition and tender preparation of section between Kintore Business park to Thainstone Centre	20000
Sachen Footpath	Footpath from Primary to Cluny Road	115000

Formartine – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled Facilities		5000
Tormentil Crescent, Balmedie	Design of Bus Bays	1000
Tormentil Crescent, Balmedie	Construction of bus bays	30000
B9170 Carriageway Widening on A947	Land acquisition	5000
B9170 Carriageway widening on A947	Construction	30000
B9005 Methlick	Traffic Calming Design	2000
High Street, Turriff	Tesco Car Park, Build Out	15000
Cultercullen	Speed Tables	15000
C110B Hillhead, Cullen	Build Out	15000
Rothienorman	Traffic Calming Design	2000

Formartine – Reserve Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Slains School, Collieston	Extension of layby to accommodate school buses	9000
Station Road/Hospital Road , Ellon	Traffic light investigation	1000
Station Road/Hospital Road	Pedestrian Crossing	26000
Old Aberdeen Road, Balmedie	Construction of footway link	20000
Castle Road, Ellon	Pedestrian build out	20000
Udny Green	Construction of footway	15000
High Street, Cuminstown	Construction of footway	15000
Deveron Road, Turriff	Construction of footway	30000
Hospital Road, Ellon	Construction of footway link	15000
B9000 Pitmedden to Football Pitch	Feasibility of Country Style footpath	5000

Kincardine and Mearns – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled facilities		5000
C5K Stranog	Form passing places	6000
C13K Mains of Portlethen to the Neuk	Form passing places	12000
Wellington Road, Marywell	Provision of new cycle/footway	200000
Burnside Road, Fettercairn	New Country Style footway	20000

Kincardine and Mearns – Reserve Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
U127K Seagreens	Turning head – Investigation and land	10000
C10K North of junction with A92	Form passing places	6000
C14K Woodside of Forgje	Form passing places	5500
U72K between junction U73K and A90	Form passing places	11250
U76K between junction C19K and junction U76K	Form passing places	4500
U81K near junction with C26K	Form passing places	3000
C16K Brae Road, Gourdon	Footway extension	3000
U90K Den of Logie	Design and Construction of Cycleway	15000
Portlethen Cycle Route	Design and purchase of land	30000

Marr – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Disabled facilities		5000
C28k Crathes to Hirn Passing Places Phase 2	Construction	50000
Bridge Street, Banchory (Car Park Extension)	Design and Land acquisition	10000
B9002 Kennethmont Footway	Design and land acquisition	25000
B9002 Kennethmont Footway	Construction	55000
A97 Logie Coldstone Footway	Construction	15000
B976 Finzean Footway	Land and construction	15000
Watson Lane, Banchory Disabled Access	Design and construction	20000

Marr – Reserve Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value(£)
Traffic Calming	Outcomes from Speed assessments	20000
Bridge Street, Banchory (Car Park Extension)	Construction	65000
A93 Aboyne – Relocate Pedestrian Crossing	Design and construction	45000
A944 Bridge of Alford	Design and construction	55000
Bin Avenue, Cairnie – Footway	Design and land	15000
Bin Avenue, Cairnie – Footway	Construction	90000
A93 Banchory – Caravan Site to Bus Stop – Footway	Design and construction	25000
C52m Montgarrie Footway	Design and land	15000
C52M Montgarrie Footway Phase 1	Construction	75000
C52M Montgarrie Footway Phase 2	Construction	75000

APPENDIX 2

Transportation – Main Projects

Project Name	Project Description	Value (£)
A947 Route Improvement Strategy		80000
Accident Investigation	Interventions	150000
Feasibility and Design of Integrated Travel Town (ITT) Schemes	Feasibility and Design of Future Cycleway Schemes within 5 ITT Towns	200000
Long distance cycleways	Development of long distance cycleways as per Neustrans Active Travel Action Plan	100000
Master plan Development and Pedestrian/Cycle Counters	Development and purchase.	70000
Planning – Non Motorised User Bridge Maintenance	Planning – Non motorised user bridge maintenance	40000
Active Travel Projects	Projects yet to be identified to be funded from the £250k allocation within Aberdeenshire Council's Revenue Budget that will be used within the Capital Programme as Capital from current revenue. This is the balance not allocated to 40k item directly above for non motorised user bridge maintenance.	210000

