

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2017**

**CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND – PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report updates the Committee on the delivery of the programme of projects funded in 2016/17 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets fund and seeks approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2017/18.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) notes the amended programme of projects which was undertaken during 2016/17;
- (ii) approves the programme of projects to be undertaken during financial year 2017/18.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN**

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Cycling, Walking, and Safer Streets (CWSS) fund is a ring-fenced capital grant and was established in 2001. The funding was initially set to run until 2011/12 however was extended for a further three years to end of 2014/15. A further allocation has been provided on an annual basis. The allocation for 2017/18 is £160,000.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 The programme of works to be undertaken in 2016/17 was approved by Committee on 16 August 2016 (report No. 282/16 refers). The approved programme included a significant proportion which supported match funded projects through the Community Links Programme.

4.2 A summary of the projects undertaken during 2016/17 is attached to this report (**Appendix 1**).

**5. PROPOSALS**

5.1 A summary of the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2017/18 is also attached to this report (**Appendix 2**). This summary gives an indication of the estimated cost of each project although these are indicative only and may be subject to revision once more detailed designs are prepared.

5.2 A small proportion of the CWSS funding for 2015/16 has been considered as match funding to secure additional grant monies that have been made available through Transport Scotland's Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP). This grant is administered and supported by Paths for All. Angus was successful in its bid for £107,000 of which £10,000 is required through CWSS to contribute to the match funding. SCSP continues to be a one-year funded programme and projects commence from 1 April 2017 with completion by 31 March 2018. SCSP focusses on behaviour change and promotion of active and mixed travel modes and includes work to promote lift-share and public transport as well as walking and cycling.

- 5.3 A further proportion of CWSS funding for 2017/18 has been considered as match funding to Sustrans' Community Links funding. It has been confirmed that Angus Council has been provisionally awarded £50,000 of which the same match fund is required from CWSS. This is also a one year funded programme and projects must be completed by 31 March 2018. This Community Links project will develop the audit data completed by the Arbroath Community and work undertaken by Sustrans which looked at the current provision of active travel. It also supports the outcomes from the town centre charrette. Neither of these match funds reduce the available funding to deliver CWSS projects but the projects noted in Appendix 2 must be delivered to be eligible for the additional funding.
- 5.4 The remaining projects were assessed against predetermined criteria to determine the extent to which they help meet strategic objectives, link with other walking and cycling initiatives and contribute to child safety, through for example, safer routes to schools. These assessments were undertaken by officers from the Place and People's Directorates.
- 5.5 A set of plans showing the locations of the proposed projects is available in the Information Hub.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The ring-fenced capital grant allocation for 2017/18 is £160,000 and the programme of projects, as detailed in Appendix 2, will be contained within this allocation.
- 6.2 Any additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with these capital projects will require to be contained within future years revenue budgets of the directorates responsible for their upkeep.
- 6.3 The funding of CWSS projects will greatly assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives contained in various strategies and full use will be made of the available location.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **Risks**

- 7.1 The risk to the Council of not approving and delivering a programme of projects is that the ring-fenced CWSS funding cannot be claimed from the Scottish Government.

**NOTE:** The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 282/16, Angus Council, Communities Committee, August 2016

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**CWSS PROJECTS – 2016/17 - £128,000**

Project	Budget	Description
Proportion of Smarter Choices Smarter Places Match Funding	£22,000	Bankhead Steps, Forfar Campus Route
Proportion of Community Links Match Funding	£68,000	Brechin Community Campus Spinal Active Travel Route. Phase 3 and 4.
Proportion of Community Links Match Funding	£22,000	Monifieth Cycle Routes Improvements. Phase 2.
Proportion of Give Me Cycle Space Match Funding	£16,000	A933 to Kirkton Industrial Estate and new sheltered accommodation.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**CWSS PROJECTS – 2017/18 - £160,000**

Project	Budget	Description
	£k	
Keptie Pond, Arbroath	35	Footway upgrade - Link from Hillend Road
Keptie Pond, Arbroath	70	Footway upgrade - Remaining link (west side)
A935 at House of Dun	14	Bus stop hardstanding and footway link
St David Street, Brechin	10	Upgrade of link to Maisondieu Car Park
Service Rd/Roberts St, Forfar - Steps	25	Rebuild of existing steps/footway
Cycle Stands 2017/18	6	Cycle stands for schools