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AGENDA ITEM NO 6

REPORT NO 209/15

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 MAY 2015

CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND – PROGRAMME OF WORKS

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE

ABSTRACT

This report updates the Committee on the delivery of the programme of projects funded in 2014/15 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets fund and seeks approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2015/16.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) notes the amended programme of projects which was undertaken during 2014/15;
- (ii) approves the programme of projects to be undertaken during financial year 2015/16.

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 for 2015/16. The allocation for 2015/16 is £174,000.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The programme of works to be undertaken in 2014/15 was approved by Committee on 15 April 2014 (report No. 180/14 refers). The approved programme included proposed works to upgrade the existing footpaths within Hayswell Park, Arbroath; however due to fluctuations in costs of the other schemes it was not possible to accommodate the works within the budget at this time.

4.2 A summary of the projects undertaken during 2014/15 is attached to this report (see Appendix 1).

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 A summary of the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2015/16 is also attached to this report (see 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 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 £107,477 of which £12,500 is required through CWSS to contribute to the match funding. At present SCSP is a one-year funded programme and projects commence from 1 April 2015 with completion by 31 March 2016.
- 5.3 A further proportion of CWSS funding for 2015/16 has been considered as match funding to Sustrans' Community Links funding. It has been confirmed that Angus Council has been provisionally awarded £89,500 of which £82,000 is required from CWSS. This is also a one-year funded programme and projects must be completed by 31 March 2016.
- 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 Communities 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 2015/16 is £174,000 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 180/14, Angus Council, Communities Committee, April 2014

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Appendix 1 CWSS Projects – 2014/15
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CWSS PROJECTS – 2014/15 - £173,000

Project	Comment/Description
Sum for purchase of cycle safety and storage equipment	Provision of additional cycle storage facilities for primary schools and purchase of reflective jackets and trolleys for schools to use when setting up formal "Walking Buses"
Brechin Nature Trail	Upgrade of existing footway and steps between The Banks and Brechin High School
Abbey Green, Arbroath	Upgrade of existing footpath between Stanley Street and Abbey Park
Burnside Place, Ferryden	Upgrade of existing steps and footpaths between Burnside Place and St Brioc Way and Craig Crescent
Gairie Works, Kirriemuir	Upgrade of existing footpath between Gairie Works and Bellies Brae
King George's Field, Ferryden	Upgrade of existing footpath within King George's Field

CWSS PROJECTS – 2015/16 - £174,000

Project	Budget Cost	Comment/Description
Proportion of Smarter Choices Smarter Places Match Funding	£12,500	Match funding for projects related to cycle storage provision
Proportion of Community Links Match Funding	£44,500	Brechin Community Campus Spinal Active Travel Route
Proportion of Community Links Match Funding	£37,500	Monifieth Cycle Routes Improvements
Proportion of Give Me Cycle Space Match Funding	£2,500	Give Me Cycle Space within schools.
Brechin Castle Centre Bus Stops	£16,000	Improvements to Bus Stop areas as part of new strategic link corridor
Lordburn Park, Forfar	£14,000	Upgrade of existing path and entry points
Keptie Pond, Phase 1, Arbroath	£47,000	Upgrade of existing path to sealed surface