AGENDA ITEM NO 10

REPORT NO 176/18

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2018

CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND - PROGRAMME OF WORKS

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ABSTRACT

This report updates the committee on the delivery of the programme of projects funded in 2017/18 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets fund and seeks approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2018/19.

1. **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the amended programme of projects which was undertaken during 2017/18; and
- (ii) approves the programme of projects to be undertaken during financial year 2018/19.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The proposal contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

ECONOMY

• An inclusive and sustainable economy

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

3. BACKGROUND

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 the end of 2014/15. A further allocation has been provided on an annual basis. The allocation for 2018/19 is £159,000.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 A programme of works to be undertaken in 2017/18 was approved by Committee on 6 June 2017 (Report No. 178/17 refers). The approved programme included proposed works to rebuild the existing steps between Service Road and Robert Street North, Forfar; however the cost of these works was financed from an alternative budget source.
- 4.2 A summary of the projects undertaken during 2017/18 is attached to this report (**Appendix 1**).

5. **PROPOSALS**

5.1 A summary of the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2018/19 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 The projects were assessed against predetermined criteria to determine the extent to which they 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 Directorates.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The ring-fenced capital grant allocation for 2018/19 is £159,000 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 allocation.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Risks

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 No. 178/17, Angus Council, Communities Committee, June 2017

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CWSS PROJECTS - 2017/18 - £160,000

PROJECT	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
	£	
Keptie Pond, Arbroath	71,250	Footpath upgrade – remaining link (west side)
A935 House of Dun, Montrose	14,000	Bus stop hardstanding and footway link
St. David Street, Brechin	10,500	Upgrade of existing steps
Lordburn Park, Forfar	22,750	Footpath upgrade
King George's Field, Ferryden	35,500	Footpath upgrade
Cycle Stands 2017/18	7,500	Cycle stands for schools

CWSS PROJECTS - 2018/19 - £159,000

PROJECT	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Brechin Road, Arbroath	37,000	Footpath upgrade – link to Montrose Road
Boyle Park, Forfar	38,000	Footpath construction
Marine Avenue, Montrose	26,000	Footpath upgrade – link from Provost Reid's Road
King George's Field, Ferryden	13,500	Footpath upgrade – remaining link
St David Street, Brechin	2,500	Lighting of steps – link to Maisondieu Car Park
Carnoustie House Grounds	24,500	Footpath construction – link from Yeaman Street
Hayswell Park, Arbroath	17,500	Footpath upgrade