

Report to Partnership Meeting 7 October 2011

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Active Travel

Purpose of Report

To update Members on the Active Travel Audit programme.

Audits

Audits have now been completed by consultants Halcrow for the following key regional settlements:

Keith, Stornoway, Fort William, Kirkwall, Oban, Thurso, Alness/Invergordon, Elgin, Campbeltown, Rothesay, Lochgilphead/Ardrihaig, Inverness, Dingwall, Dunoon, Wick. Our last, Forres, Kinloss and Findhorn will soon be underway.

Presentations have been made to Highland TECS Committee, Inverness City Committee, and to the full councils of Argyll and Bute and the Comhairle.

Outputs

Each audit has produced a Masterplan for increasing the level of cycling and walking and inform the development control processes. The Audits provide standard mapping that has already provided assistance in procuring funds for projects such as: Kirkwall Smarter Choices Smarter Places (£1.5m), Elgin Urban Freedom (£1m), Highland Green and Active Travel (£500k). Furthermore HITRANS funding levered in a total spend on capital projects on £120k last year, while the Argyll and Bute CHORD programme is also set to benefit from the audits.

Next Steps

Consideration will be given next year to evaluating the audit programme and refreshing the audits with data from the 2011 census.

Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report.

Risk	Impact	Comment
RTS delivery	√	This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes.
Policy	√	This project has positive health and environmental benefits.
Financial	√	This project is fully funded
Equality	-	No impact on equalities issues.

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