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Report to Partnership Meeting 14 September 2018

EUROPEAN PROJECTS

Low carbon Travel and Transport Hubs (LCTT)

SUMMARY:

To provide Members with an update on round 2 of ERDF Low Carbon Travel and Transport funding awards.

LCTT Round 2 funding announcement:

On 8th August 2018, Michael Matheson, Cabinet secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity announced that 9 projects across Scotland were awarded funding worth £3.67M from European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) with an additional £1.65M from Transport Scotland.

An overview of the 9 projects which have been awarded funds are provided below:

Local Authority	Project
Angus Council	Angus on the Go, Low Carbon EV charging hub
Cairngorms National Park Authority	Speyside Way Extension, Active Travel path development
Dundee City Council	Multi-storey EV charging hubs
East Ayrshire Council	Ayrshire Athletics Arena ULEV Charging Hub
East Ayrshire Leisure	Irvine Valley trails project, Active Travel path development.
Moray Council	Speyside Low Carbon Hub and Speyside Way Active Travel path development.
Orkney Islands Council	Stromness Multi Model Low Carbon and Active Travel Hub
SEStran	GO E-bike , 6 community led E-Bike hubs
Stirling Council	Castleview Park & Choose, Active and Low Carbon Hub

At present, final details regarding the amount of funding agreed for each successful project has not been announced.

There are ongoing discussions between Highland and Transport Scotland regarding their Inverness Low Carbon and Active Travel Hub application, which it is hoped will also receive funding subject to resolution of the conditions which were attached to their grant offer letter.

It should be noted that Comhairle nan Eilean Siar were unsuccessful with their application.

Further details on each project can be found at:

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/LCTT%20Challenge%20Fund%20Round%20%20Project%20Descriptions.pdf>

HITRANS have committed to funding each successful project in our area with £15k per annum as part of the contribution towards match funding for the ERDF funding. With the potential for 3 successful projects, this amounts to £90,000 contribution between 2018/19 and 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are invited to note the report.

RTS Delivery

Impact - Positive

Comment – This work supports the RTS objectives and the monitoring of their implementation.

Policy

Impact - Positive

Comment – This work supports the development of our Active Travel policies.

Financial

Impact – Positive

Comment –Support for the ERDF Low Carbon Travel and Transport Fund applications has been identified in the Business Plan for 2018/2019 and 2019/20 in region of £45k per annum, £15k per successful project.

Equality

Impact – Positive

Comment – HITRANS support for active travel helps eliminate the barriers to travel for all and removes a number of physical accessibility barriers.

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