

**Report to Partnership Meeting 4 April 2014**

**RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY**

**Active Travel Progress Report**

**Purpose of the Report:**

To provide an overview of current and upcoming projects, and their associated budget related to active travel.

**Active Travel Budget:**

As updated at the February meeting, HITRANS have been provided £100k per year for 2013/14 and 2014/15 from Sustrans to develop and enhance active travel projects within the area.

Since then a meeting between HITRANS and Sustrans has enabled the budget to be allocated for certain projects in addition to capital spending, including the creation of Active Travel Maps to link into the audits for the main towns within the area. HITRANS will still work alongside partners to provide added value to local projects where possible.

**Outline spend for 2014/15:**

Currently there are 2 projects outlined for 2014/15:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Detail</b>
HITRANS wide	HiBike Active Travel Maps	£25k	This budget will enable the design, cartography and print of 10 AT maps within the year, following the design and delivery of Maps within Highland through the G+AT project.
HITRANS Wide	Cycling and Walking Friendly Street Pilots	40k	Taking learning from CAPS delivery forum to pilot the installation and monitoring of cycling and friendly walking roads to encourage AT behaviour change.

The AT officer is liaising with officers in each Local Authority to identify suitable projects. A number of areas were suggested for the pilot during the PA's meeting in March.

Potential areas of work include:

- Small infrastructure projects.
- Feasibility studies and design specifications for projects.
- AT events \*
- Monitoring of AT behaviour\*
- Working with local universities and colleges to establish a 'package of measures' to encourage AT\*
- Encouraging AT through art and community projects on local paths\*

\*Additional options for AT budget agreed with Sustrans since last board meeting.

### Community Links Update:

All local authorities within the HITRANS area submitted several applications to the CL fund. In total amount requested from the area was just under £5.8M, and equates to 33 applications as outlined below:

Area	No of Bids	Amount
Argyll and Bute	13	£1,202,500.00
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	2	£62,500.00
Highland	10	£770,169.00
HITRANS	3	£1,999,150.00
Moray	3	£775,000.00
Orkney	2	£765,000.00

In total across Scotland 208 applications were made, totalling £33M funding requested. Sustrans CL staff have visited the LA with larger applications (projects over £500k per year presenting) to a decision panel on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. All decisions regarding this funding will be made on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report. Further progress reports will be brought to future Partnership Meetings.

Risk	Impact	Comment
RTS delivery	√	This work supports RTS objectives and the monitoring of their implementation.
Policy	√	This work supports the development of our Active Travel Policies H27a to H27d
Financial	-	A budget of £100k in 2013/14 and £100K in 2014/15 has been allocated.
Equality	√	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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