

Report to Partnership Meeting 23 June 2017

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Active Travel Update

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on active travel projects within the area.

Sustrans Active Travel Partnership Budget

As part of a partnership between HITRANS and Sustrans, HITRANS receives a grant of £100,000 from the Community Links programme which Sustrans manages on behalf of Transport Scotland to develop active travel projects within the HITRANS region. To date these have included providing funding for a number of feasibility of specific active travel routes, installation of cycle shelters and other small infrastructure improvements. It has also funded active travel counters to each local authority in the region and supported a number of marketing and promotional initiatives across the area. A summary of the outline spend for 2016/17 is outlined below.

| Partner | Project | Amount |
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| CNES | Breasclete Active Travel link | £10,000 |
| Highland | Active travel links: Inverness West Link – City centre | £8,000 |
| Highland | Active travel cordon count Inverness | £9,352.60 £3,287,000 (additional count / analysis agreed) |
| Moray | Cordon Count, full traffic, inc Active travel in Elgin and Forres | £17,000 |
| CNES Highland Moray OIC cycle shelter civils | Raigmore x 2 Fort William x3 Orkney x 2 *CNES carried out own civils | £5,124 £8,000 £2,600 |
| HITRANS | Dalcross AT links, towards feasibility and design | £20,000 |
| | Total spend to date | £92,733 |

Smarter Choices Smarter Places:

Since the April partnership board, HITRANS have been working with Liftshare to develop the HItravel car sharing platform for the region, with each Local authority contributing towards the initial development of a two year pilot.

All other Regional Transport Partnerships with the exception of ZetTrans use the Liftshare platform, so this will create a car sharing site which covers almost all of Scotland. There are further options for carrying out promotional events, or creating specific pages for Local Authorities underneath the area wide platform at an additional cost per local authority. To date Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Highland have taken the option to set up their own page for council staff within the platform. Moray and Argyll and Bute are will initially monitor the HITRANS wide page is used before deciding to develop further options.

The detail of the website design of the platform is currently being finalised prior to a launch in July. Discussions have already started between Liftshare and large employers in the region to encourage usage and the development of sub pages for some of the larger employers within the area.

Community Links:

This table provides an overview of all Community Links Awards within the HITRANS area for 2017/18. The Active Travel Officer has been liaising with the Community Links team to encourage development of as many projects in our area as possible, highlighting regionally important links, and those which our partner Councils have prioritised.

Those applications in the table below which are highlighted yellow are those which have received a provisional awards, to enable further development of designs or plans to progress schemes, before discussing a further award to deliver projects.

The green projects have been granted a full award.

Overall the region has been very successful with applications this year with Sustrans receiving applications for over £39.25 million in total across Scotland.

| Local Authority | Project Name |
|-----------------|---|
| Argyll and Bute | Carradale Design works |
| Argyll and Bute | Fionnphort village to community hall link |
| Argyll and Bute | Helensburgh and Lomond Cycleway- Cardross link |
| Argyll and Bute | Peniver Links to community hall |
| Argyll and Bute | B833 Roseneath to Roseneath caste park shared use |
| Argyll and Bute | South Shian Path |
| Argyll and Bute | Dunoon Esplanade phase 2- west bay to town centre |
| Argyll and Bute | Oban High School, detailed designs for path and |

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| | road crossing |
| Argyll and Bute | Cruachan Cottages, Taynuilt |
| Highland | Cavell Gardens Contraflow |
| Highland | Link bridge and path between Stoneyfield BP and Retail park |
| Highland | Inshes Park- phase 2 |
| Highland | Tain 3-18 campus |
| Highland/ HITRANS | Inverness Railway Station Placemaking |
| HIE/HITRANS | Inverness Campus- North Bridge |
| Moray | Connecting Elgin town centre with residential and commercial areas to the south |
| Orkney | Kirkwall Harbour Flood Prevention street improvements |
| | Total Community Links applied for in HITRANS area is over £2.6 M |

HITRANS submitted two projects within this application round in partnership with Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) and Highland Council.

North Bridge

£750,000 was awarded by Sustrans towards the North Bridge. HIE are currently looking at options with HITRANS for finding additional match to enable the delivery of a direct link between the new Campus site and the Inverness Retail Park which would be available for walking, cycling and public transport only.

Inverness Railway Station Improvements:

HITRANS and The Highland Council were successful in applying for £75,000 funding towards feasibility, consultation and design to enhance the access for pedestrians and cyclists around Inverness Rail Station. HITRANS are currently working in partnership with The Highland Council and Abellio ScotRail to ensure that this project complements the work already underway to redevelop the Station facade, its three entrances and environs by engaging a suitable consultant with experience of community engagement and the design of urban realm projects.

Recommendation

Advisors are invited to note the Active Travel Update .
RTS Delivery

Impact - Positive

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

Policy

Impact - Positive

Comment – This work supports the development of our Active Travel Policies H27a to H27d

Financial

Impact – Positive

Comment - There is budget associated with Liftshare, and also potential budget for the live applications from community links.

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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