

Report to Partnership Meeting 15 November 2019

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Active Travel Update

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on Active Travel projects in which HITRANS are currently involved.

REGIONAL ACTIVE TRAVEL BUDGET (Transport Scotland)

This fund has five project headings:

- **Bikes on Buses**

Continuing to pursue options for cycle carriage on long-distance routes, and facilitating cycling as a mode of transport for the first / last mile of journeys where the main mode of travel is by bus.

- **Cycle Parking**

Installation of cycle parking at transport terminals and interchanges across the HITRANS area.

- **Active Travel Service Points**

Funding to be provided towards a Mini Travel Hub at Ballivanich, Benbecula, to match Town Centre

Regeneration funds deployed there, and potentially also on Skye to signpost active and sustainable travel options to popular destinations.

- **Active Travel Masterplan Action Plan**

Design and minor works to carry out priority interventions identified in the HITRANS Active Travel Masterplans, to design out and remove barriers to utility active travel. These will include small interventions and signage strategy identified in Fort William Active Travel Masterplan update and Portree Town Centre Health Check. We are also exploring how we might be able to support improvements identified in Aviemore as part of the Active Aviemore work led by Cairngorms National Park.

Suggestions are welcome for additional projects which could be taken forward and completed by 31st March 2020, and also projects which could be put forward in the next financial year (minor capital works are eligible as well as design).

- **Active Travel Project Design**

Suggestions are welcome for small pieces of design and appraisal work, particularly detailed design of the small works programme to support the delivery of the Active Travel Masterplan Action Plan.

SUSTRANS PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Active Travel Map for The Strath

HITRANS Active Travel Officer is working with local groups to develop an active travel map for the Strath, from Grantown on Spey to Newtonmore.

Inner Moray Firth Active Travel Masterplan

Ongoing development of a strategic masterplan for active travel connecting settlements within the Inner Moray Firth area, to feed in to the IMF Development Plan and include a refresh of existing Active Travel Audits.

Inverness Active Travel Route Monitoring

Cordon Counts in Inverness to compare data with that collected 2 years ago.

OTHER PROJECTS

The HITRANS Active Travel Advisory Group has reconvened and met at the end of August; the group will meet approximately every 6 months.

Following a recommendation in the Fort William AT Masterplan Update, the Active Travel Officer is bringing together an Active Travel Action Group for Fort William, which will initially be hosted by the Fort William Chamber of Commerce.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note this report and consider opportunities for advancing projects within the different Active Travel funding streams which will support HITRANS wider policy objectives and priorities.

Risk Register

RTS Delivery

Impact – Positive

Comment – This work supports both relevant RTS objectives and those of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland.

Policy

Impact – Positive

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

Financial

Impact – Positive

Comment – This work is supported by Transport Scotland's Regional Active Travel Grant Fund and Sustrans active travel partnership funding.

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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