

**Report to Partnership Meeting 6 October 2022**

**RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY**

**Active Travel Transformation Project**

**Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with an update on Active Travel Transformation Project.

**Background**

The Active Travel Transformation Project (ATTP) has been established to help improve delivery processes to match the ambition of Active Travel policy and funding commitments. The Active Travel budget has been growing in recent years and is currently £150Million with the Scottish Government committing to increase the budget to at least £320million per annum or 10% of the total transport budget by 2024/5.

The Project will develop evidenced proposals for an alternative holistic system for Active Travel delivery, and make recommendations on the delivery models required to implement this system.

The Project is being delivered across two phases. The first phase has involved evaluation and evidence gathering with an assessment of the existing delivery model and landscape and identifying opportunities. The second phase will then develop and appraise proposals for an alternative system for Active Travel delivery.

The project is being structured across 5 “pillars”:

- Innovation and Exemplar Activity
- **Capacity and Capability**
- Leadership and Coordination
- Funding Design and Governance
- Legislative Enablers/ Barriers

**Update**

To inform the first phase of the Project round evaluation and evidence gathering, and feed into the development at Phase 2 of the Project on evidenced proposals for an alternative holistic system for AT delivery, Transport Scotland undertook an initial assessment of capacity and capability in the existing delivery landscape.

Attached in Appendix A is a copy of the report which was informed through engagement with delivery partners. A questionnaire to gather information on current capacity, capability and skills was shared with Active Travel delivery partners,

including: Local Authorities; Regional Transport Partnerships; Sustrans; Cycling Scotland; Paths for All; Cycling UK; Como UK; Living Streets; Energy Savings Trust; Forth Environment Link and National Parks Authorities.

The report provides a summary of the questionnaire responses submitted by partners and wider engagement through a series of one to one interviews with a cross section of partners.

Members of the Active Travel Delivery Partner Group were invited to a workshop in Glasgow on 1<sup>st</sup> September, where the findings of the report were discussed and attendees invited to help develop proposals around some of the challenges identified in the survey including skills, capacity, revenue funding and procurement.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note this report.

### **Risk Register**

#### RTS Delivery

Impact – Positive

Comment – This work supports both relevant RTS objectives and those of the National Transport Strategy

#### Policy

Impact – Positive

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

#### Financial

Impact – Positive

Comment – The Active Travel Transformation Project will develop proposals for an alternative delivery models for the Active Travel budget which is increasing to £320million or 10 of the total transport budget.

#### 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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