
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	31 October 2019
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Subject:	Scottish Government Funding for Bus Priority Routes – Request by Councillor Curley		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of a request received from Councillor Curley in the following terms:

“That the committee notes that the Scottish Government’s Programme for Scotland 2019-20 is proposing a Scottish Green Deal which includes a commitment to invest over £500 million in improved bus priority infrastructure to tackle the impacts of congestion on bus services and raise bus usages and the transformational effect funding of this level could make to transport infrastructure locally.

That the committee agrees that a short term working group be created consisting of Council Officers and representatives of local bus operators to:

- 1) Agree minimum criteria required for bus routes in Inverclyde to tackle the impacts of congestion on bus services and raise bus usage and identify the parts of the existing bus network that do not meet this criteria.
- 2) Identify any gaps in the existing bus network caused by lack of infrastructure.
- 3) Develop a series of infrastructure improvements to address the inadequacies in the road network and bus infrastructure identified in 1) and 2) and prioritise these to utilise the £500m Bus Priority funding proposed by the Scottish Government, or other funding, that may be available.”

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the request from Councillor Curley.

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