
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date: 31 October 2019
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No: ERC/RT/GMcF/18.606
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Subject:	Active Travel Funded Projects	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the proposal to deliver Active Travel Funded Projects.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Active Travel increases levels of walking and cycling and can contribute to improved conditions for those living, working or visiting Inverclyde. With higher levels of walking and cycling comes a wealth of benefits for individuals, business and society more generally. The topography of Inverclyde presents active travel barriers, however, there is considerable potential to increase levels of active travel in Inverclyde.
- 2.2 The Active Travel Strategy sets a vision of making Active Travel a realistic, convenient and attractive choice for everyone to make every day journeys in Inverclyde. The Strategy sets out actions to achieve this vision, covering topics such as governance, marketing, behaviour change and infrastructure/network development. The strategy will enable partnership working, and provide a robust base on which to develop active travel projects and seek external funding for their delivery.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 21 March 2019, Inverclyde Council agreed to allocate £50,000 from free reserves towards funding Active Travel projects within Inverclyde.
- 2.4 The projects identified in 5.1 are deliverable within the budget allocated and complement active travel projects being delivered in partnership with external funding partners. Following implementation of the projects, the use of the infrastructure will be monitored and evaluated to shape future projects.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and approves the project list detailed below in 5.1.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 At the Inverclyde Council Meeting on 21 March 2019, the Council approved funding to be allocated to projects to assist Active Travel.

4.2 At the Environment and Regeneration Committee in August 2018 the Active Travel Strategy was approved. The strategy report produced an action plan broken down into the following categories:

- Leadership, Governance and Council Processes
- Facilitating Interchange and Cycle Parking
- Marketing, Promotion, Tourism and Training
- Infrastructure/Network Development

4.3 The projects listed in 5.1 have been identified to support the Active Travel Strategy below.

LG 6	Maintenance of footpaths and cycle routes	Review how footpaths and cycle paths are addressed in Asset Management Plans.
INF 6	Improve coherence of cycle network	Inverclyde Council will work with partners to complete a planned network of strategic, high-quality, continuous cycle routes, which are segregated from general motor traffic where possible.
ICP 2	Location of cycle parking	As per Scottish Planning Policy, ensure that secure cycle parking is more conveniently located to building entrances within new developments.

5.0 PROJECTS

5.1	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u> (£000s)
	(LG 6) Cycle Route Improvements Lunderston Bay (resurface cycle path)	25
	(INF 6) Cycle Route Improvements N753 Gourock to Greenock (replace broken links)	15
	(ICP 2) Cycle Parking and Storage in Parks and Town Centres	10

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 The financial implications arising from this report are:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Active Travel (02732)	Other Expenditure	2019/20	£50,000		

Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

6.4 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

Repopulation

6.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services and the Chief Financial Officer have been consulted on this report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.