

**Report To:** Environment & Regeneration Committee    **Date:** 5 March 2020

**Report By:** Corporate Director Environment,  
Regeneration & Resources    **Report No:** ENV014/20/GM

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**Subject:** Safer Streets Initiative, around Primary Schools

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the Safer Streets Initiative funding.

### 2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 As part of the 2019/20 budget setting process £150,000 was allocated for a Safer Streets Initiative. This report seeks approval for the expenditure of that budget to improve pedestrian and cycling access around Inverclyde primary schools.

2.2 These measures will consider a gateway sign designed by each separate school on approval by Transport Scotland. Other measures will be considered on an individual basis and may include the following measures:

- Signs and lines,
- 20mph speed limit,
- Road safety education,
- Improved access for all vulnerable road users,
- Reduced road widths,
- Improved footway and footpath accesses,
- Improved cycling access,
- Reduce congestion at peak times.

### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee approves the Safer Streets Initiative expenditure over a three year period improving access around the primary schools and the installation of the new gateway signs on approval by Transport Scotland designed by each primary school.

3.2 That the Committee notes that a further report will be brought before this Committee for approval of the final proposals.

**Gail MacFarlane**  
**Head of Service – Roads and Transportation**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 As part of the 2019/20 budget setting process £150,000 was allocated for a Safer Streets Initiative. Officers reviewed key pedestrian generators within the local authority area and assessed barriers to changing travel behaviour when journeys are local and a mile or less in distance.

The school run has been identified as an opportunity to develop initiatives that will encourage the use of active travel and raise awareness of all road users that they are in the vicinity of a school.

This report seeks approval for the expenditure of that budget to improve pedestrian and cycling access around Inverclyde primary schools.

4.2 The budget will be expended over a 3 year period improving the pedestrian and cycling access around the primary schools.

4.3 The Community Safety & Resilience Team chair the Road Safety (Schools) Working Group which meets regularly to discuss safety issues around all schools in Inverclyde.

4.4 Officers will undertake a detailed study around the primary schools and through consultation with the primary schools and the Road Safety (Schools) Working Group will highlight areas to be considered for improvements. This study will look at pedestrian/cycle links and also reducing the impact of vehicles surrounding the schools.

4.5 As part of the improvements each school will have the opportunity to design a gateway sign. These signs will then require approval from Transport Scotland.

4.6 The improvement works around the primary schools will include but not limited to the following works:

- Signs and lines,
- 20mph speed limit,
- Improve road safety education,
- Improved access for all vulnerable road users,
- Reduced road widths,
- Improved footway and footpath accesses,
- Improved cycling access,
- Reduce congestion at peak times.

4.7 These works will not include traffic calming measures as these works will still be considered and undertaken as part of the Traffic Calming Policy.

4.8 On completion of the studies and detailed plans several reports will be brought back to this Committee for approval of the proposed schemes.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
02862 EMR	Safer Streets Initiative		£150,000		2020-2023

## Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

## Equalities

5.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

x

YES

NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

## Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

x

YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

NO

## Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

x

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

## Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

## 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

## 7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None