
Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee **Date: 4 May 2010**

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Subject: Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) – Grant Aided Roads Related Projects (2010/11)

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is for Committee to note and approve, as appropriate, the proposed programme of Projects to be undertaken in 2010/11 using grant offers of funding by:

1. The Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS).
2. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS) for Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) are as detailed below and are valued at £146,000. At least 36% of the grant must be considered for the purposes of undertaking a programme of works for the promotion of cycling.

The Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) projects for Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) are as detailed below and are valued at £175,000.

2.2 Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.

2.3 The programme does not include roads infrastructure projects associated with the School Re-provisioning Programme which will be funded through the Education and Communities budget.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee approves the list detailed below in 5.1 for the 2010/11 Grant Aided Roads Related Projects.

3.2 That the Committee note the SPT approved project list detailed below in 5.2 for 2010/11

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 A CWSS fund has been established by the Scottish Ministers with a view to giving greater prominence to cycling, walking and safer streets to assist local authorities to achieve the aims of their Local Transport Strategy. Inverclyde Council has been awarded £146,000 from this fund for financial year 2010/11.

It should be noted that the award is conditional on the Council considering spending at least 36% of the grant for the purposes of undertaking a programme of works for the promotion of cycling.

4.2 The proposed programme:

- (ia) totals (CWSS) £146,000;
- (ib) totals (SPT) £175,000;

- (ii) does not include the proposed programme of projects for 2011/12 and subsequent years – proposed programmes for these years will be submitted to Committee in due course.

- (iii) does not include any allocation for road infrastructure adjustments associated with the Schools Re-provisioning Programme

4.3 The costs of the CWSS Projects detailed below are exclusive of fees whereas SPT Project costs are inclusive of fees. All costs have been compiled on the basis of assessed unit costs and not on priced bills of quantities which will be prepared when the programme has been approved. Should the cost of any individual Project exceed the preliminary estimate, appropriate variances will be applied to the remaining programme.

5.0 PROPOSED PROJECTS

5.1 CWSS Projects for 2010/11

1. Dropped Kerbs Estimated Cost of Project	£40,000
2. Access to Schools Estimated Cost of Project	£12,000
3. Cycle Track N75 Estimated Cost of Project	£52,000
4. Vehicle Activated Signs Estimated Cost of Project	£20,000
5. Establishment of Discontinuous Footways Estimated Cost of Project	£10,000
6. Establishment of 20 mph zones Estimated Cost of Project	£12,000
Total Estimated Costs of the Projects	£146,000

5.2 SPT projects for 2010/11

1. Develop Quality Bus Corridor (A78) Estimated Cost of Project	£75,000
2. Develop Quality Bus Corridor (A770) Estimated Cost of Project	£100,000
Total Estimated Costs of Projects	£175,000

5.3 The above projects, with the exception of the Cycle Track N75 and the 20mph zones, will be carried out by the Service's Roads Operations Unit subject to appropriate skills being available and ensuring Best Value. The Cycle Track N75 project will be subject to competitive tendering using the Council's Standing Restricted List of Contractors. The 20mph zones project will be carried out by the Council's Term Contractors for Lining and Signing.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 It is proposed that any additional costs associated with the programme of projects will be contained within the Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) budget allocation.

Education: Funding for roads infrastructure associated with the Schools Re-provisioning Programme will be funded from the Education and Communities budget.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this report.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
	CWSS Grant Funding	£146,000	n/a	
	SPT Grant Funding	£175,000	n/a	

7.2 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been consulted on this report.

7.3 The Head of Safer and Inclusive Communities has been consulted on this report