

Report To: Environment and Regeneration Committee Date: 7 March 2013

**Report By: Corporate Director Environment,
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**Subject: Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) – Grant Aided Roads
Related Projects - CWSS (2013/14)**

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval in relation to a proposed programme of Projects to be undertaken in 2013/14 using grant offers of funding by:

1. The Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street Projects (CWSS).

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 £85,000. At least 36% (and preferably above 50%) of the grant funding must be considered for the purposes of undertaking a programme of works for the promotion of cycling.

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 2013/14 Grant Aided Roads Related Projects.

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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 £85,000 from this fund for financial year 2013/14.

It should be noted that the award is conditional on the Council considering spending at least 36% (and preferably above 50%) of the grant for the purposes of undertaking a programme of works for the promotion of cycling.

4.2 The proposed programme:

- (i) totals (CWSS) £85,000;
- (ii) does not include the proposed programme of projects for 2013/14 and subsequent years – proposed programmes for these years will be submitted to Committee in due course; and
- (iii) does not include any allocation for road infrastructure adjustments associated with the Schools Re-provisioning Programme.

4.3 The costs of the Projects detailed below are exclusive of fees and have been compiled on the basis of assessed unit costs and not on priced bill 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 2013/14

1. Dropped Kerbs

Estimated Cost of Project **£20,000**

2. Access to Schools

Estimated Cost of Project **£20,000**

3. Cycle Track N75

Estimated Cost of Project **£40,000**

4. Signs for cycle track through Greenock and Gourrock

Estimated Cost of Project **£5,000**

Total Estimated Costs of the Projects **£85,000**

5.2 The above projects will be carried out by the Service's Roads Operations Unit subject to appropriate skills being available and ensuring Best Value. All other work will be subject to competitive tendering.

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	£85,000	n/a	

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