
Report To: Environment & Regeneration Committee

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Subject: SPT and SUSTRANS Grant Funded Projects (2014/16)

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the SPT and SUSTRANS approved Grant Funded projects.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The SPT projects are split into two categories, Category 1 is for projects to be completed in period 2014/15 to the value of £167,000. Category 2 projects although also being considered by SPT for 2014/15 grant funding are subject to surplus funds being available from other project underspends within SPT's overall Category 1 projects. The value of these projects is £155,000. These projects are detailed in section 5.1.
- 2.2 Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.
- 2.3 The Partnership has approved the allocation of (1) £35,000 for the further improvements of the Quality Bus Corridor; (2) £90,000 for the extension of National Cycle Route N753 to Inverkip; (3) £10,000 for the design of the National Cycle Route N753 Inverkip to Wemyss Bay; (4) £22,000 for Bus Priority Signals (Patrick Street, Greenock); and (5) £10,000 for a feasibility study of the Central Greenock Green Link (Custom House Quay to Greenock Cut).

These projects will be executed by the Council on behalf of SPT.

- 2.4 The Partnership will consider funding the above Category 2 projects subject to any underspends against SPT's overall Category 1 projects.
(1) £100,000 for Improved Access to Port Glasgow Rail Station (Feasibility and Design),
(2) £55,000 for Regional Road Improvements at the Ferry Terminal. McInroy's Point.
- 2.5 SUSTRANS grant funded projects are split over two years and are valued at £77,500 in 2014/15 and £250,000 in year 2015/16. These projects are detailed in section 5.2.
- 2.6 SUSTRANS have approved the allocation of (1) £50,000 for the design of the National Cycle Route N753 Inverkip to Wemyss Bay, (2) £27,500 for lighting to the National Cycle Route N75 Birkmyre Park, Port Glasgow previously vandalised. (3) £250,000 for the construction of the National Cycle Route N753 Inverkip to Wemyss Bay.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Committee note and approve the SPT and SUSTRANS approved project list detailed below in 5.1 and 5.2 for 2014/15/16.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 At its meeting of the full Partnership on 7 February 2014 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport approved grant funding for projects as detailed in 5.1 below.

4.2 The SPT approved projects are:

1. Extension of the Quality Bus Corridor on the A761 from Clune Brae to the Port Glasgow boundary. Work will include installing raised kerbs at selected bus stops and the appropriate prescribed carriageway markings.
2. Extension of the N753 National Cycle Route from Lunderston Bay to Inverkip. This will complete this section of the route and provide an excellent cycling and walking facility for the community.
3. Further design work will be carried out on the extension of the N753 National Cycle Route from Inverkip to Wemyss Bay. This, when constructed, will complete the N75/N753 National Cycle Route from the Council's boundary in Kilmacolm to its other boundary in Wemyss Bay.
4. The Bus Priority Signals in Patrick Street will provide a timed filter to allow buses, and other traffic, to turn right from Partick Street into Brougham Street/Grey Place without the conflict of other traffic manoeuvres.
5. A feasibility study, based on a study of potential cycle routes carried out in 2006, will look at a proposed cycle route from Custom House Quay to the Greenock Cut using where possible the old "Puggy Railway" line.

4.3 The Sustrans approved projects are:

1. A contribution to the further design work to be carried out on the extension of the N753 National Cycle Route from Inverkip to Wemyss Bay. This, when constructed, will complete the N75/N753 National Cycle Route from the Council's boundary in Kilmacolm to its other boundary in Wemyss Bay.
2. A contribution to the reinstatement of a section of cycle track lighting previously vandalised in the Birkmyre Park area of Port Glasgow.
3. A contribution to the construction of the extension of the N753 National Cycle Route from Inverkip to Wemyss Bay planned for 2015/16 and subject to reassessment after completion of the design.

4.4 The above projects embrace the policies of the Local Transport Strategy. In particular Policies Pwalk1, Pwalk3, Pwalk6, Pwalk8 and Pwalk9 support 2, 3, and 5 above. Policies Pbus1, Pbus4, Pbus5, Pbus10 and Pbus11 support 1 and 4 above. Policies Pc1, Pc4, Pc5 and Pc9 support 2, 3, and 5 above. Policy Paccess1 supports 1 above.

4.5 The proposed funding for the above programme:

(i)	total SPT grant (2014/15)	£167,000
(ii)	total Sustrans grant (2014/15)	£ 77,500
(iii)	total Sustrans grant (2015/16)	£250,000

4.6 SPT project costs are inclusive of fees.
Sustrans grant funding does not attract 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.

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
Roads Capital Programme Capital Grant	SPT Grant Funding	2014/15	£167,000	n/a	Payment of the grant funding will be made in arrears based on expenditure
	SUSTRANS Grant Funding	2014/15	£77,500	n/a	
	SUSTRANS Grant Funding	2015/16	£250,000	n/a	
	SPT Grant Income	2014/15	(£167,000)	n/a	
	SUSTRANS Grant Funding	2014/15	(£77,500)	n/a	
	SUSTRANS Grant Funding	2015/16	(£250,000)	n/a	

Annually Recurring Costs/Savings

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Nett Impact	Virement from(if Applicable)	Other Comments
Roads Revenue	Roads revenue maintenance	2015/16	£5,000		To be contained within existing Revenue budget

6.2 **Legal**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6.3 **Human Resources**

There are no Human Resource issues associated with this report

6.4 **Equalities**

The further development of the Quality Bus Corridor provides a variety of improvements to the roads infrastructure which benefit a number of groups within the community including the elderly, the infirm, the disabled and parents with prams/buggies.

The ongoing development of the cycle network throughout Inverclyde will provide both recreational and health benefits to all groups across the social spectrum.

6.5 **Repopulation**

The provision of improved infrastructure associated with the local bus network will contribute to the overall appeal of Inverclyde as a preferred place to reside.

The further development of the National Cycle Route also provides an excellent recreational outlet for families and will contribute to the overall appeal for those

considering relocating to the area.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted on this report.

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 SPT 2014/15 Capital Programme.