
Report To: Environment and Regeneration Committee **Date: 30 April 2015**

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**Subject: Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) – SPT Grant Funded
Projects (2015/16)**

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the SPT approved Grant Funded Projects.

1.2 The projects approved in 1.1 above are as detailed below:

- (1) **SPT** have approved **Category 1** Projects to be undertaken during 2015/16
- (2) **Category 2** Projects being considered by SPT for 2015/16 grant funding:

Category 1

Quality Bus Corridor Improvements
Regional Cycle Route R21 (Coronation Park)

Category 2

Extension of National Cycle Route N753
National Cycle Route Newark Castle to Parklea (Feasibility)
Improved Access to Port Glasgow Rail Station (Feasibility)

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 SPT grant funded projects for Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) are as detailed in 5.1 below and are valued at £114,000 (Cat 1) and £130,000 (Cat 2) respectively.

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) £25,000 for the further improvements of the Quality Bus Corridor; (2) £89,000 for the extension of Regional Cycle Route R21 through Coronation Park.

Subject to match funding from SUSTRANS (2) above will reduce to £40,000.

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) £50,000 Extension of National Cycle Route N753 at Inverkip, (2) £25,000 Regional Cycle Route R21 Newark Castle to Parklea (Feasibility), (3) £55,000 Port Glasgow Station Access Improvements (Feasibility)

2.5 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 Committee note and approve the SPT approved project list detailed below in 5.1 for 2015/16.

3.2 That Committee note the investment by SPT for (1) £25,000 for the further improvements of the Quality Bus Corridor; (2) £89,000 for the extension of Regional Cycle Route R21 through Coronation Park.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 At its meeting of the full Partnership on 30 January 2015 Strathclyde Partnership for Transport approved grant funding for projects as detailed in 5.1 below.

4.2 The SPT approved Cat 1 projects are:

1. Extension of the Quality Bus Corridor (Belville St., Regent St., Kilmacolm Road)
Work will include installing raised kerbs at selected bus stops and the appropriate prescribed carriageway markings.
2. Extension of the Regional Cycle Route R21 through Coronation Park, Port Glasgow

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

4.5 The proposed funding for the above programme:

(i) total SPT grant (2015/16) £114,000

4.6 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.

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 SPT Grant Funded projects for 2015/16

Category 1 Projects	2015/16
Quality Bus Corridor Improvement	
Estimated Cost of Project	£25,000
Extension of Regional Cycle Route R21 Coronation Park, Port Glasgow	
Estimated Cost of Project	£89,000

Total Estimated Cost of Category 1 Projects £114,000

Category 2 Projects	2015/16
Extension of National Cycle Route N753 at Inverkip	
Estimated Cost of Project	£50,000
Regional Cycle Route Newark Castle to Parklea (Feasibility)	
Estimated Cost of Project	£25,000
Improved Access to Port Glasgow Rail Station (Feasibility)	
Estimated Cost of Project	£55,000

Total Estimated Cost of Category 2 Projects £130,000

5.2 The above projects will be managed, supervised and, where appropriate, constructed by Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads).

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 It is proposed that all costs associated with the grant funded programme of projects will be contained within the approved budget allocation.

Financial Implications – One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
Roads Capital Programme	SPT Grant Funding		£114,000	n/a	Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears based on expenditure.
Capital Grant	SPT Grant Income		(£114,000)	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 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Financial Officer 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 None.