

Report To: Environment & Regeneration Committee **Date:** 1 June 2016

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Subject: Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads) – Sustrans Grant Funded Projects (2016/17)

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the current status of the Sustrans Grant Funding for 2016/17.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The announcement of the SUSTRANS Grant Funding for 2016/17 has been delayed however is expected to be confirmed during June 2016.
- 2.2 The request for Sustrans grant funding for Environmental and Commercial Services (Roads) is as detailed in 5.2 below and is valued at £37,500.
- 2.3 Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.
- 2.4 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 the above and the delayed announcement of the Sustrans Grant Funding for 2016/17.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 A request for Sustrans Grant Funding was submitted for the project as detailed in 5.2 below however confirmation of the grant award has been delayed and is now expected to be announced in June 2016.
- 4.2 The project in 5.2 below embraces and supports the policies of the Local Transport Strategy.
- 4.3 All project costs are inclusive of fees.
- 4.4 Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.
- 4.5 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.

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 Sustrans Grant Funded project for 2016/17 to a total value of £37,500:

- R21 Cycletrack at Coronation Park (construction – match funding with SPT)

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

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance:

One-off costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
Roads Capital Programme	Sustrans Grant Funding	2016/17	37,500	n/a	Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure
Capital Grant	Sustrans Grant Income	2016/17	(37,500)	n/a	

Annually recurring costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect From	Annual Nett Impact (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
Roads Revenue	Roads Revenue Maintenance	2017/18	5	n/a	To be contained within existing Revenue budget

Legal

6.2 There are no Legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

6.3 There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

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

Repopulation

6.5 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 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.