

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2009

**SUBJECT: CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND
PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Abstract: This report updates the Committee on progress in the delivery of the programme of projects to be funded during the current financial year through the Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets Fund and seeks approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2009/10.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee –

1. notes the amended programme of projects being undertaken during the current financial year; and
2. approves the programme of projects to be undertaken during the financial year 2009/10.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets Fund was established in 2001. The funding was originally to cease operating in 2007/08 but the Scottish Government announced last year that it will continue for a further three years, i.e. 2008/09 to 2010/11 inclusive. The ring fenced allocation is £191,000 in each year.

3 PROGRAMME OF WORKS

- 3.1 A summary of the approved programme of projects for the current financial year is attached to this report (see Appendix 1). Delivery of the programme is progressing well with all but two of the projects either completed or underway.
- 3.2 The provision of the “Park and Stride” facility at Airlie Primary School (Project No. 3) has had to be re-phased to 2009/10 for budgetary reasons. It is therefore recommended that the contribution towards this project be included in the programme for 2009/10 and, at the request of the Director of Education, be increased to £25,000. In order to avoid losing this element of the grant, the allocation in the current financial year was reallocated for the purchase of cycle storage facilities at various primary schools, Airlie Primary School included.
- 3.3 Additionally, the formation of a drop off point at Stracathro Primary School (Project No. 12) could not proceed due to the impact it would have had on existing staff parking arrangements and the resultant potential road safety issues. Alternative parking / drop off arrangements are currently being investigated. Again, to protect the grant, this project was substituted by the upgrading of an existing footway at Turfbeg, Forfar. In this way, the full grant allocation of £191,000 will be claimed.

- 3.4 A summary of the proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2009/10 is also attached to this report (see Appendix 2). The summary gives an indication of the estimated cost of each project although these are indicative only and may be subject to revision once more detailed designs are prepared.
- 3.5 The projects were assessed against predetermined criteria to determine the extent to which they help meet strategic objectives, link with other walking and cycling initiatives and contribute to child safety through, for example, safer routes to schools. These assessments were undertaken by officers from Infrastructure Services, Neighbourhood Services and Education.
- 3.6 A set of plans showing the locations of the proposed projects is available in the Members' Lounge.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The ring-fenced allocation from the Scottish Government for the 2009/10 is £191,000 and the programme of projects will be contained within this allocation.
- 4.2 Any additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with these capital projects will require to be contained within future years revenue budgets of the Department's responsible for their upkeep.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

6. We live longer, healthier lives

- The health of the Angus population is improved.
- Improved outcomes for people who use community care services are achieved.
- Children and Young People in Angus are active with opportunities and encouragement to participate in play and recreation, including sport.
- Harm caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol is reduced resulted in improved quality of life in Angus.

9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

- Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.

10. We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need

- Good quality housing is available throughout Angus.
- Crisis response for homeless households is provided.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Director of Education, Head of Finance, and Head of Law & Administration have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

9 CONCLUSION

9.1 The funding of CWSS projects will greatly assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives contained in various strategies and full use will be made of the available allocation.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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APPENDIX 1

No.	Job		Budget Cost	Comments or Description
C.W.S.S PROJECTS YEAR 8 – 2008/2009 - £191,000.00				
1	Sum for purchase of cycle safety and storage equipment		£15,000.00	Provision of additional cycle storage facilities for primary school pupils and purchase of reflective jackets and trolleys for schools to use when setting up formal "Walking Buses".
2	Cycleway, Carnoustie		£26,500.00	Contribution towards provision of final coloured surface.
3	Airlie Primary School		£20,000.00	Contribution towards provision of "Park and Stride" facility at the rear of Airlie Primary School. These works will be completed to coincide with the reopening of the school in February 2009.
4	Carseburn Road to Victoria Street, Forfar		£2,000.00	Sum to cover land ownership investigation and purchase if necessary.
5	Paths through Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar		£2,000.00	Sum to cover preparation of preliminary designs and costs of upgrading existing paths.
6	Rural Transport Access Initiative	Works Fees	£10,000.00 £ 500.00	Provision of bus drop-off points at various locations for use by both service and school buses. Works are currently ongoing.
7	Roberts Street to Service Road, Forfar	Works Fees	£10,000.00 £ 500.00	Upgrading and formalising of existing footpath including new steps and handrails. Project is ready to be ordered.
8	Millennium Hall, Birkhill	Works Fees	£17,000.00 £ 3,000.00	Provision of short length of footway and dropped kerb crossing point. High fee allowance is for feasibility works to extend this footway along to the existing pedestrian crossing at the filling station.
9	Steps at Bankhead, Forfar	Works Fees	£10,500.00 £ 1,050.00	Refurbishment of existing concrete steps and footpath links between.
10	Footpaths at Demondale, Arbroath	Works Fees	£25,000.00 £ 2,500.00	Localised patching and overlaying of existing footpath and refurbishment of concrete steps.
11	B961 at Craigton of Monikie	Works Fees	£ 9,000.00 £ 900.00	Missing footway link between Craigton Inn and Camus Place.
12	Stracathro Primary School	Works Fees	£ 6,000.00 £ 600.00	Formation of drop off point for parents.
13	Burnside Primary School, Carnoustie	Works Fees	£ 4,000.00 £ 400.00	Installation of missing footway link and dropped kerb crossing points to allow children to cross directly to school gates.
14	Bellies Brae, Kirriemuir	Works Fees	£ 7,000.00 £ 700.00	Reconstruction of existing footpath between Bellies Brae car park and the foot of the zig-zag path.
15	Slade Gardens, Kirriemuir	Works Fees	£15,000.00 £ 1,500.00	Reconstruction of footpath from Slade Gardens to the bus stop.
GRAND TOTAL			£190,650.00	

APPENDIX 2

No.	Job		Budget Cost	Comments or Description
C.W.S.S. PROJECTS YEAR 9 - 2009/2010 - £191,000				
1	Sum for purchase of cycle safety & storage equipment		£ 15,000.00	Provision of additional cycle storage facilities for primary school pupils and purchase of reflective jackets and trolleys for schools to use when setting up formal "Walking Buses"
2	Airlie Primary School		£ 25,000.00	Contribution towards provision of "Park and Stride" facility at the rear of Airlie Village Hall (Project carried over from last year)
3	Paths through Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar	Works	£ 75,000.00	Formalising and provision of bitumenous macadam surfaces on paths
		Fees	£ 7,500.00	
4	Orchardloan to Forfar Loch Country Park	Works	£ 15,000.00	Formalising and provision of chippy-dust surfaces on path
		Fees	£ 1,500.00	
5	Hospitalfield, Arbroath	Works	£ 36,000.00	Reconstruction of existing footway link and extension of same between the rear of The Steadings and Westway, opposite Arbirlot Rd
		Fees	£ 3,600.00	
6	East Hill Road, Kirriemuir	Works	£ 7,500.00	Provision of new footway link along part of East Hill Road from Migvie Wood to The Hill
		Fees	£ 700.00	
7	Braefoot, Carnoustie	Works	£ 2,250.00	Surface patching and repairs to existing steps
		Fees	£ 225.00	
8	Lochside Road, Forfar	Works	£ 1,250.00	Provision of missing footway link along part of Lochside Road
		Fees	£ 125.00	
GRAND TOTAL			£ 190,650.00	