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REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2017

REPORT ON: CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS COMMENCING 2017-2018

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for officers to identify and deliver cycling and walking improvements across the city of Dundee. This is utilising the Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant Funding.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the proposed cycling and pedestrian work themes for the year 2017-2018.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Scottish Government has made available to Dundee City Council an additional capital grant of £203,000 for the year 2017-2018 for CWSS projects. The interventions recommended in this report will fully utilise this finance.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Introduction

The Scottish Ministers have made a grant offer to the council for £203,000 to support local cycling, walking and safer street projects for the year 2017-2018. The grant is to support the Cycling Action Plan (CAPS) by undertaking a programme of works promoting cycling and walking for both short and long distance journeys and achieving Scotland's vision for cycling that by 2020 10% of everyday journeys will be made by bike.

4.2 Objectives and Criteria

The Scottish Government expect the CWSS fund to be used to give greater prominence to cycling, walking and safer streets projects to help local authorities achieve the aims and objectives that have been set out in their local and Cycling Strategies. The main aims for the city's cycling strategy is that the council will lead the development of the route network to:

Create a planned network of strategic high-quality continuous cycle paths and lanes that will appeal to a broad range of potential cyclists and create attractive routes connecting all of Dundee's communities and main creators of travel demand, and linked to regional and national cycle networks.

Create safe, desirable links across or around what are currently recognised as major barriers to active and sustainable travel (notably including routes across the city centre, The Kingsway, Kingsway West and North Marketgait). In 2017/18 pedestrian crossings will be installed across the Kingsway near Graham Street and near Mains Loan.

Resurface, widen and upgrade the Green Circular to ensure it remains a core element of the city's route network linking outlying communities, radial routes and central areas

Seek to ensure all new developments, including those of the Central Waterfront, are effectively linked to the strategic network.

CWSS will also physically improve access to walking and cycling facilities and reduce danger (actual or perceived) to pedestrians and cyclists.

4.3 Schemes

The following types of scheme have been identified:

1 Lowered Kerbs/Footway Improvements

Dundee has a good network of footways and footpaths, but they are not always accessible to vulnerable pedestrians ie the elderly and children. Lowered kerbs and improved footways at suitable points can significantly improve walking opportunities for this sector of Dundee's

Community: this project will improve accessibility and reduce danger to the most vulnerable in our society. A prioritised list has been prepared on lowered kerbs at numerous locations throughout the city. This list far exceeds the funding available and therefore has been prioritised to target focal points with areas of high footfall eg local services.

Finance Allocated: £40,000.

2 Pedestrian Access and Safety Measures

Improvements to existing pedestrian crossing facilities and new infrastructure proposals to improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians/cyclists. Improvements to existing pedestrian crossings began in the 2000s. This includes the provision of tactile paving and the standardisation of pedestrian crossing facilities throughout the city. This includes changing the remaining "pelican" crossings to the "puffin" type which is particularly welcomed by the visually impaired. This finance will also support the provision of new pedestrian/cycling facilities throughout the city where a need has been clearly demonstrated. This project will improve accessibility and reduce danger to pedestrians/cyclists.

Finance allocated: £63,000.

3 Outdoor Access

The Outdoor Access Strategy Group has identified a number of projects and priorities. The precise locations where this funding will be utilised will be decided jointly by the Executive Directors of Neighbourhood Services and City Development. This Project will therefore improve accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Finance Allocated: £10,000.

4 Cycling

The number of "missing links" have been identified in the cycling network where there is demand for use. This project will therefore improve accessibility for cyclists and look to tackle major barriers on the network such as providing safer routes across the Kingsway and other locations etc.

Finance Allocated: £90,000

- 4.4 The 2016-17 allocation of CWSS was used to install dropped kerbs throughout the city, speed activated signs, footway works near Dalmahoy Drive and various minor cycling/walking improvements. CWSS also supported cycling schemes on Trades Lane and Coupar Angus Road solar studs.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. The major issues identified are:
- a the programme of works recommended within this report will promote cycling, walking and safer streets, thereby reducing car dependence and improving air quality in line with Sustainable Policy for Transport and Travel; and
 - b the works will also promote safety for vulnerable road users such as child pedestrians and cyclists, thus ensuring that the local road network meets the transport needs of all road users.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 All members of the Council Management Team have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Dundee City Council - Local Transport Strategy - October 2000.
- 7.2 TACTRAN Walking and Cycling Regional Sub Strategy 2008.
- 7.3 Dundee City Council Draft Cycling Strategy 2015.

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