

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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REPORT ON: CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Committee of additional capital consent ring-fenced by the Scottish Executive for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects and to seek committee approval of the method of identifying and prioritising a programme of works in Dundee.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the proposal to identify a programme of works for CWSS project that best meets the overall aims of Walking, Cycling and Road Safety contained in the Local Transport Strategy, giving particular emphasis to reducing accidents to vulnerable road users.
- 2.2 The programme of works and estimated costs will be reported to Committee later in the year for approval.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Dundee City Council has received additional ring-fenced capital consent of £82,000 for 2001/02 from Scottish Executive. This expenditure is included within Planning and Transportation's Capital Budget for 2001/02. The Scottish Executive have also indicated that additional consent of £105,000 in 2002/03 and £218,000 in 2003/04 will be available once the Scottish Executive has approved a programme of works. This money will be included in the Financial Plan when it is next reviewed, later this financial year.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The strategy recommended within this report will promote cycling, walking and safer streets, thereby reducing car dependence and improving the air quality.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposals within this report promote safety for vulnerable road users such as child pedestrian and cyclists, thus ensuring that the local road network meets the transport needs of all road users.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 During April and May 2001 the Scottish Executive announced additional £14.85 million for local authorities across Scotland for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) initiatives. From this Dundee City Council have been granted additional capital consent ring fenced for this purpose of £82,000 for the year 2001-02, £105,000 for the year 2002-03 and £218,000 for the year 2003-04.
- 6.2 This funding provides the opportunity to build on the Safer Routes to School projects financed in year 2000-01 through additional consent received from the Scottish Executive and provide cycling, walking and safer streets initiatives for all vulnerable road users.

- 6.3 The Scottish Executive 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 they have set out in their Local Transport Strategies. Dundee City Council's Local Transport Strategy has three relevant components – Cycling, Walking and Road Safety. The objective for each of these components is as follows:
- Cycling – To develop a safe, convenient and cohesive infrastructure that encourages and facilitates cycling.
 - Walking – To make it easier and safer to get around locally by walking.
 - Road Safety – To improve the safety of all travellers, giving particular emphasis to the safety of vulnerable road users, particularly children.
- 6.4 It is proposed that schemes and specific sites are identified that support these objectives, with priority given to a combination of projects which overall best meet these aims, giving particular emphasis to reducing accidents to vulnerable road users.
- 6.5 Specific mention is made of the need to reduce road accident casualties and it is intended that the extra financial resources will enable a range of engineering measures to be implemented, targeted at reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured by 40% and child deaths and serious injuries by 50% by 2010, compared to the 1994-98 average.
- 6.6 The Council's computerised accident database will be used to identify locations with particularly poor accident histories in order that these sites are treated first and best value is achieved.
- 6.7 Prior to the Scottish Executive releasing the ring-fenced finance for years 2002-03 and 2003-04, Dundee City Council is required to submit the proposed programme of works to satisfy the Scottish Executive that the finance will be targeted at CWSS projects. There is no such requirement to report for year 2001-02. The proposed programme of works will be reported to Committee later in the year before submissions for years 2002-03 and 2003-04 area made to the Scottish Executive.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 All relevant Chief Officers and The Chief Constable will be consulted in detail over the proposals.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Dundee City Council, Local Transport Strategy, October 2000.

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