

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
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**REPORT ON: CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS)  
PROJECTS COMMENCING 2003-04**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 789-2002**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Committee approval for a programme of works for the year 2003-04 funded from additional capital consent ring-fenced by the Scottish Executive for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the proposed programme of works for year 2003-04.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive has made available to Dundee City Council additional capital consent of £218,000 for the year 2003-04 for CWSS projects. The programme of works recommended in this report will fully utilise this finance.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The programme of works 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 programme of works recommended within this report will promote safety for the 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 BACKGROUND**

### **6.1 Introduction**

- 6.1.1 During April and May 2001, the Scottish Executive announced additional £14.85 million over a three year period for local authorities across Scotland for Cycling, Walking and Safety 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. Committee Reports 498-2001 and 149-2002 have been approved to implement programmes of works for the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 respectively.

## 6.2 Objectives and Criteria

6.2.1 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.

6.2.2 Based on relevant components in Dundee's Local Transport Strategy, Committee report 149-2002 described an overall common objective for CWSS schemes as:

*"To physically improve access to walking and cycling facilities and reduce danger (actual or perceived) to pedestrian and cyclists."*

6.2.3 To follow the common objective given above, in report 149-2002, Committee adopted the following criteria devised for CWSS as policy.

A CWSS scheme must either:

- i Physically improve access of walking and cycling facilities; and/or
- ii Reduce danger (actual or perceived) to pedestrians and cyclists.

## 6.3 Schemes

6.3.1 Utilising these criteria, the following types of schemes have been identified.

a Lowered Kerbs/Footway Improvements at Sheltered Housing and School Gates

Dundee has a good network of footways and footpaths, but they are not always accessible to vulnerable pedestrians. 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, the elderly and children.

Finance Allocated: £80,000

b Paths for All

Through public consultation, Dundee's Path for All Initiative has identified a number of "missing links" in the cycling and walking network where there is a demand for use. Subsequently, a Paths for All Implementation Plan was produced and projects priorities. In order to encourage cycling and walking, the CWSS fund is to be used to promote Paths for All schemes prioritised and programmed for the financial year 2003-04. This project will therefore improve accessibility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Finance Allocated: £40,000

c Anti Skid Surfacing and Floodlighting at Pedestrian Crossings

Experience over the last thirty years in the UK has shown high friction surfaces and floodlighting to be highly effective in reducing accidents at pedestrian crossings. This project will therefore reduce danger to pedestrians.

Finance Allocated: £30,000

### Street Lighting School Improvement Schemes

Studies show, unsurprisingly, that darkness leads to more road casualties. In Scotland during the winter months, school pupils arrive and depart outwith daylight hours. A number of lighting schemes have been identified to improve the visibility of school pupils during these months. This project will therefore reduce danger for young pedestrians.

Finance Allocated: £68,000

- 6.3.2 Individual schemes have been assigned to each of these scheme types. Annex A gives details of locations of each individual scheme.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Dundee City Council, Local Transport Strategy, October 2000.
- 8.2 Dundee City Council, Planning and Transportation Committee Report No 498-2001.
- 8.3 Dundee City Council, Planning and Transportation Committee Report No 149-2002.

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**Annex A****INDIVIDUAL SCHEME DETAILS**

<u>Lowered Kerbs/Footway Improvements at Sheltered Housing and School Gates</u>	£80,000
<u>Paths for All</u>	£40,000
<u>Anti Skid Surfacing and Floodlighting at Pedestrian Crossing</u>	£30,000
Glamis Road at Elmwood Drive Arbroath Road at Baxter Park Terrace Ancrum Road at Ancrum Road Primary School	
<u>Street Lighting School Improvement Schemes</u>	£68,000
Hillside Primary School St Ninians/Menzieshill High School Douglas Primary School	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£218,000</b>