

**ITEM No ...10.....**

**REPORT TO:** CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 9 DECEMBER 2019  
**REPORT ON:** SUSTRANS PLACES FOR EVERYONE 2019/2020  
**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT  
**REPORT NO:** 397-2019

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To update committee on the successful application that Dundee City Council have made through Sustrans 'Places for Everyone' 2019/20 grant scheme.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee remits the Executive Director of City Development to develop designs and stakeholder engagement in line with Sustrans guidance.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Dundee City Council have successfully secured the following funding for financial year 2019/20:

- Broughty Ferry to Monifeith NCN1 East Cycle Route Improvements (Design)- £394,000.00; and
- Magdalen Green Footbridge Replacement (Design) - £120,400.00

**4 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Reference is made to Article XII of the meeting of the City Development Committee of 9 September 2019 when Committee considered Report No. 268-2019, and approved the updated Dundee Cycling Strategy 2019 and instructed officers to work towards delivering the actions outlined within the strategy.

4.2 "Places for Everyone", formerly known as Community Links Programme is a grant scheme, funded by Transport Scotland and managed on their behalf by Sustrans. 'Places for Everyone' is designed to provide Local Authorities with the funding for the creation of infrastructure that makes it easier for people to walk and cycle for everyday journeys.

**Broughty Ferry to Monifeith NCN1 East Cycle Route Improvements**

4.3 In 2018/19 Dundee City Council applied for Sustrans funding to undertake consultation, feasibility and outline design for improving walking and cycling along the NCN1 East Cycle Network between Broughty Ferry castle and Balmossie, Monifieth. The study also considered designs to improve access and enhance place-making from Castle Approach and Windmill car park to the beach area, and to identify potential improvements to routes that link the residential areas and town centres of Broughty Ferry and Monifieth to the coastal path.

**Magdalen Green Footbridge Replacement**

4.4 The existing Magdalen Green Footbridge, that spans the main east coast railway line, is in a poor structural condition and, whilst currently safe, has a short and limited residual lifespan. The bridge does not comply with the Equality Act 2010 and is not cyclist friendly which limits its use. In 2018/19 Dundee City Council applied for funding to undertake a feasibility study to review various design options and costings for replacing the existing bridge with a new fully compliant pedestrian/cycle bridge that would help improve accessibility and connectivity from the river esplanade to the West End community.

- 4.5 Dundee City Council have successfully secured 100% funding to develop the design of the above projects. Following completion of the design stages, Dundee City Council will submit a further funding application to 'Places for Everyone' to secure match funding towards construction costs.
- 4.6 Sustrans require a formal governance structure to oversee 'Places for Everyone' projects. The Head of Design and Property will act as 'Project Champion' for both projects to guarantee the adoption of best practice and in line with Sustrans guidance.
- 4.7 Dundee City Council and Angus Council are working together to develop design proposals to improve the coastal route from Broughty Ferry Castle to Monifieth. Angus Council have agreed that design and project management services for the scheme will be led by Dundee City Council officers, who will provide updates to them on a monthly basis and at key project milestones. Project management fees are being funded by Places for Everyone.

## 5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Implementation of the proposed improvements within this project can help to achieve a number of objectives included in the City Plan, such as, improving physical and mental health for children and adults, reduce obesity, improve road safety, as well as improving transport connections to communities.
- 5.2 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

## 6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 As part of the 2018/19 feasibility stage, a range of activities to engage local people in Broughty Ferry were delivered. The objectives of this phase of engagement were to:
- a make local people aware of the aspiration to upgrade the coastal path as part of the flood protection scheme; and
  - b gather local people's views on issues/barriers (both real and perceived, physical and social/cultural) to active travel in Broughty Ferry, and on suggested improvements (both infrastructure and non-infrastructure related), particularly to facilitate improved access to the coastal path from the town centre and residential areas.
- 6.2 The main focus of the engagement in this first phase was the project website <https://broughtyferryactivetravel.com> which was launched on 11 March 2019. The website includes a Place-check interactive map for individuals to record location-specific issues and suggestions. This website has been extended to include the plans for Angus Council.
- 6.3 Friends of Magdalen Green, Dundee West End Community Council and Dundee Cycling Forum will continue to be consulted throughout the design of the Magdalen footbridge replacement project.

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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