

Cathkin Braes Country Park Mountain Bike trails (Wards 1 and 2) – Provision and maintenance of cycling infrastructure - ENV 2/IPG12 funding approved.

4 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the use of City Plan ENV 2/IPG12 funds for the provision and maintenance of a new cycling infrastructure at Cathkin Braes Country Park Mountain Bike trails (Wards 1 and 2), advising

- (1) that Cathkin Braes Country Park Mountain Bike trails consisted of a world class (UCI standard) series of red, black and blue trails, an empty level pump track, a skills area and car park, however the absence of any built infrastructure to support club and community use of the trails was recognised as being missing, which if addressed, would significantly enhance the Mountain Bike trails experience for riders and spectators;
- (2) that the Scottish Cycling Facilities Fund, administered by **sportscotland** had provided an opportunity to secure external capital funding to enhance the city's cycling infrastructure and the proposed addition of a WC and storage facilities at Cathkin Braes Country Park Mountain Bike trails had been identified by Glasgow Life, Cycling Scotland and **sportscotland** as a priority to enhance the customer experience and further develop its use by clubs and schools;
- (3) of the elements of the 1st phase of proposed works, it was anticipated that building costs associated with using City Building Glasgow as the main contractor would be £118,800, and once a tender price was received from and agreed with City Building Contracts, it was proposed that there be a drawn-down of ENV2 capital funding and if the tender price was lower than the pre-tender estimate, any of the remaining ENV2 funding would be re-allocated by the Council to other outdoor sport projects; and
- (4) that **sportscotland** had agreed to contribute £59,400 of funding from the Scottish Cycling Facilities Fund, which was 50% of the estimated capital cost of the project and it was proposed that the remaining capital cost of £59,400 for the project be met from the Outdoor Sport ENV2 funds and that £14,850 also be met from ENV2 funding to meet the revenue costs for the maintenance of the facilities for a number of years.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the allocation of £59,400 of funding from the Scottish Cycling Facilities Fund for the project; and
- (b) approved the allocation of £74,250 (capital and revenue combined) of ENV2 Outdoor Sports Fund for the provision and maintenance of a cycling infrastructure at Cathkin Braes Country Park Mountain Bike trails.