

Connecting Glasgow: Revised City Network and Liveable Neighbourhoods Delivery Framework – Proposals approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods Committee of 17th March 2026 (Print 7, page 42) when it was agreed to recommend to this committee approval of the Revised City Network and Liveable Neighbourhoods Delivery, Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery presented a report regarding those proposals, advising

- (1) that the national funding model, which was managed by Transport Scotland, had moved from a multi-year funding to an annual allocation model for designing and delivering active travel infrastructure and that Active Travel projects would now be funded via a competitive bidding process to Transport Scotland's Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (ATIF);
- (2) that this change in funding had impacted both the City Network (CN) and Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) programmes, which had been structured around multi-year funds each with separate target indicators for design and delivery which had enabled the planning and delivery of large scale projects through a phased approach over sequential years;
- (3) that although there were benefits to the new ATIF model, the implication of this uncertainty was now being felt across programme phasing, scope and delivery timelines across the CN and LN programmes, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that Transport Scotland had responded to the Council's concerns by advising that, whilst it had a legal requirement to balance its budget annually and operate within strict fiscal rules and limited borrowing powers, it was exploring ways to improve financial visibility, reduce unnecessary volatility and strengthen the operability of funding for established programmes;
- (5) of the 3 outcomes to be progressed that had been recommended upon completion of the review and the proposed steps to be taken in order to maximise delivery of both programmes;
- (6) of the automated and manual methods of monitoring and evaluation that would be adopted to underpin the revised delivery approach; and
- (7) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the strategic review of the CM and LN programmes;
- (b) approved the revised unified delivery framework, Connecting Glasgow; and

- (c) agreed that the Council would continue to advocate to Transport Scotland for greater levels of active travel infrastructure funding for a move to multi-year funding models in order to accelerate programme delivery.