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Sustainability & the Environment Policy and Development Committee
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SUSTRANS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 – FUNDING FOR GLASGOW

Purpose of Report:

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee on Glasgow's grant funding allocation from the cycling charity Sustrans.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee notes the report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Background

Sustrans receives capital grant funding through The Local Government Finance Settlement and invites local authorities to submit funding bids through their Community Links Programme. The Community Links Programme is key to meeting the target of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) of 10% of trips by bike by 2020, as it provides funding for the creation of new cycling network infrastructure, tackling any barriers that are deterrents to cycling and funds projects that promote and encourage cycling.

2. Funding

Glasgow City Council has been successful in obtaining £260,000 funding from Sustrans, for the following projects for delivery in 2012/13. The council has to match fund any contribution from Sustrans and this has been achieved by utilising part the Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget that the Council receives from the Scottish Government.

3. Projects

3.1 North East Glasgow (£10,000)

Proposed extension/re-design of routes from the north east to the City Centre via Townhead. In particular, a route from Queen St Station to Alexandra Park via Glasgow Royal Infirmary is to be investigated.

3.2 Tradeston (£10,000)

Feasibility study into the provision of cycle routes from the City Centre to the residential areas of Govanhill and Pollokshields, via the Tradeston-Broomielaw footbridge and through Tradeston. Both Govanhill and Pollokshields are within easy cycling distance of the City Centre. The feasibility study will consider various alignment and design options, estimated costs and prioritise accordingly.

3.3 Routes to Southern General Hospital (£10,000)

As part of the planning consent for the New Southern Hospital, improved provisions for walking and cycling are required within a 1km radius of the new hospital site. A feasibility design will be undertaken for extending these facilities beyond the 1km radius.

3.4 Great Western Road (£5,000)

Feasibility study into a cycle route from Anniesland Cross to the city boundary, providing links to the Forth & Clyde canal and retail park. Also potential links to Colleges cycle route. Review feasibility of also linking to Scotstoun Leisure Centre and Gartnavel Hospital.

3.5 Routes to Cathkin/Hampden (£150,000)

The development and implementation of a cycle route from the city centre to Hampden Park and Cathkin Braes. Phase 1, in the vicinity of Castlemilk, was implemented during 2011 / 12 and this funding is to develop and implement a second phase from Castlemilk to Toryglen.

3.6 Cycling Improvements - National Cycle Route NCN7 to Commonwealth Games Venue - Scotstoun (£50,000)

A review of the existing facilities along the NCN 7 in Scotstoun and upgrade of the cycling links to Scotstoun Stadium will be undertaken.

3.7 South Bank of River Clyde (£25,000)

Feasibility design for the upgrade of the route from the Clyde Arc bridge at Finnieston Street to St Andrew's Suspension bridge in Glasgow Green, along the south side of the Clyde.

4. **Consultation**

Local members will be kept informed of progress and consultation with local communities will take place as appropriate throughout the development and implementation of the above projects.

5. **Additional Funding**

Sustrans have offered an additional £2,500,000 of Capital grant funding, specifically for cycle schemes in Glasgow, which is currently being finalised. This funding will be targeted at enhancing Glasgow's existing cycle network and delivering additional cycle infrastructure projects prior to the Commonwealth Games. Any grant has to be match funded by the Council, and agreement has been reached that Glasgow's contribution can utilise existing approved Capital schemes that benefit cyclists. Examples of this are the adoption of Bells Bridge and improvements to Lancefield and Anderston Quays each of which form parts of the National Cycle Network.

6. Council Strategic Plan Implications

<i>Economic Impact:</i>	The works may provide opportunity for local employment and regeneration.
<i>Sustainability:</i>	N/A
<i>Financial:</i>	This will provide additional Capital funding of £260,000 to be spent in 2012/13. This will be match funded with £260,000 from the Cycling Walking Safer Streets Budget Glasgow are negotiating on an additional £2,500,000 of funding.
<i>Legal:</i>	None
<i>Personnel:</i>	The works will be carried out utilising existing resources
<i>Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:</i>	Any works procured through this scheme will be undertaken through GCC's procurement section. Although it is not considered that these works at this stage are applicable to Article 19.

7. Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee notes the above report.