

Sustainable Transport Infrastructure and Behaviour Change Project – Acceptance of external funding approved – Declarations of interest.

7 Councillor Millar, City Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, presented a report regarding the funding position for the Sustainable Transport Infrastructure and Behaviour Change Project and the acceptance of external funding, advising

- (1) that in support of progression towards the strategic aims of the national Active Travel Framework, Transport Scotland had worked in partnership with local authorities and Regional Transport Partnerships to transform the ways that active travel projects and initiatives were delivered across the country, with the framework setting out the national shared vision for active travel and the key policy approaches to improving the uptake of walking and cycling in Scotland;
- (2) of the previous and current external funding streams which were strictly for active or sustainable transport projects and initiatives and that Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) had re-introduced its Capital Works Fund for 2025/26;
- (3) that the Peoples and Place Programme was administered by SPT and the Council would deliver a range of actives and initiatives in partnership with the Third Sector and following assessment by SPT, 8 Third Sector projects had been awarded a total of £1,010,051 of funding for 2025/26, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that Council initiatives funded through the Transport Scotland's Direct Resource grant were now progressed under the Local Authority Direct Award (LADA) which was administered by Transport Scotland and the Council had been awarded £341,958 of funding from the LADA for 2025/26 to progress activities and initiatives which aimed to support the new Staff Travel Plan and Road Safety initiatives, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that active travel design and construction was now funded through Transport Scotland's Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (ATIF) (Tier 1 and 2) with Tier 1 replacing the Cycle, Walking, Safer Routes Fund and the Council had been awarded £4,989,000 for 2025/26 from that fund, as detailed in the report;
- (6) that the ATIF Tier 2 fund was administered through a competitive bidding process and the fund was separated into 2 distinct phases, with match funding being a requirement of the funding award, as detailed in the report;
- (7) that the Council's City Network Final Delivery plan represented its commitment to create a safe city-wide cycling network and set out a clear, sequential approach to the delivery of the plan and 4 projects within the delivery plan had been awarded a total of £3,879,100 of funding from the ATIF Tier 2 fund;

- (8) that the SPT Capital Grant Fund was a competitive bid fund providing funding for improvements to public transport facilities such as bus stops and access at SPT subway stations and the Council had received a total of £435,000 of funding for 3 projects, as detailed in the report; and
- (9) that officers were currently awaiting the outcome of further competitive bids from several other funding streams including the Transport Scotland Bus Infrastructure Fund, the Transport Scotland ATIF Tier 2 – Design Fund and the Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (ii) that under delegated authority, external funding awards from Transport Scotland's Local Authority Direct Award and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Capital Grants Fund for 2025/26 had been accepted; and
 - (ii) an update on the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 1; and
- (b) approved the acceptance of external grant funds from the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 2 and the Strathclyde Passenger for Transport People and Place Fund.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillors Kelly and Reid-McConnell declared an interest in this item of business and left the room and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor Adams noted his interest in this item.