



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 7

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**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND BEHAVIOUR
CHANGE PROJECT FUNDING 25/26**

Purpose of Report:

To update the Committee on the current Sustainable Transport infrastructure funding position and seek approval to accept external grant award funding.

Recommendations:

The City Administration Committee is recommended to:

- a) Note that following funds were accepted in accordance with delegated powers:
 - Transport Scotland's Local Authority Direct Award
 - SPT Capital Grants fund 25/26
- b) Note the update on the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 1 (ATIF T1)
- c) Approve the acceptance of the external grant funds
 - Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 2 (ATIF T2)
 - SPT People and Place fund.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

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

1 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that in recent years, the Scottish active travel delivery funding model has undergone significant changes, with the introduction of Transport Scotland's (TS) Active Travel Infrastructure Funds (Tier 1 and Tier 2).
- 1.2 In support of progression towards the strategic aims of the national [Active Travel Framework](#), TS has worked with Local Authorities (LAs) and Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) to transform the ways that active travel projects and initiatives are delivered across the country. The Framework sets out the national shared vision for Active Travel and the key policy approaches to improving the uptake of walking and cycling in Scotland.
- 1.3 A summary of previous and current funding streams is shown below:

Previous Funding Stream	Current Funding Stream
Smarter Choices, Smarter Places	People and Place Programme
Direct Resource Grant	Local Authority Direct Award
Cycling, Walking, Safer Routes	Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 1
Sustrans Places for Everyone	Active Travel Infrastructure Fund Tier 2

- 1.4 Each of these external funding streams is strictly for active or sustainable transport projects and initiatives.
- 1.5 In addition to the above, the financial year 25/26 has seen the return of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) Capital Works Grant Fund after a year of non-funding in 24/25.

2 Active Travel Behaviour Change Funding

2.1 People and Place Programme

- 2.2 A key element of the Active Travel Framework is the People and Place Programme (PPP). The PPP is administered by the Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) on behalf of TS and replaces the Paths for All Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) fund as the main mechanism to support behaviour change and the promotion of sustainable transport modes.
- 2.3 In the context of Glasgow City Council (GCC), the PPP is administered by SPT. As with the SCSP fund, GCC will deliver a range of activities and initiatives in partnership with the Third Sector.
- 2.4 The PPP fund in 25/26 will deliver behaviour change initiatives under the following key themes:
- Schools and Young People
 - Workplaces

- Accessibility and Inclusion
 - Capacity and Capability Building
- 2.5 GCC received expressions of interest for funding from members of the Glasgow Community Cycling Network (GCCN) which included Cycling UK, Drumchapel Cycle Hub, Glasgow Eco Trust, Women on Wheels, St Paul's Youth Forum, and Bike for Good.
- 2.6 All organisations noted above were included in GCC's final application to PPP with GCC applying on their behalf with the full budget requested by the organisation.
- 2.7 In April 2025 GCC received feedback from SPT that they had assessed the application and determined which Third Sector projects would be awarded. A total of £1,010,051.00 for behaviour change initiatives across a broad programme of activity has been successful secured via this competitive process. This represents circa £300K additional funding in 25/26 than was awarded in 24/25.
- 2.8 The fund will allow GCC to continue to support community groups and Third Sector organisations who deliver key services to Glasgow residents of all ages and abilities. Providing activities, such as learn to ride classes, bike maintenance, access to bikes and much more.
- 2.9 A summary of the projects and organisations which are funding via PPP are noted activities are detailed below:

Summary of SPT PPP Funding.

Project Title	Project descriptor	Total project cost
Flourishing Futures by St Paul's Youth Forum SCIO	The project will engage underrepresented and deprived groups in North-east and North Glasgow through bike distribution, training, and maintenance sessions, increasing cycling access and confidence. Outputs aim to reduce transport barriers and promote cycling as a sustainable travel choice in Glasgow.	£195,651

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Women on Wheels	Women on Wheels will empower 250 new women and families with cycling lessons, various kinds of rides, access to bikes, and social activities across Glasgow. The project will continue to work with 800 past participants. The project aims to boost cycling confidence, promote sustainable travel, and increase diversity and leadership among women in the cycling community.	£109,500
Cycle Forward by Bike for Good Ltd	Cycle Forward will address the key barriers to cycling—cost, lack of skills, and limited maintenance knowledge—by providing subsidised bikes, training, and community rides. The project will provide subsidised access to bikes for 130 low-income individuals, 200 cycling lessons, 20 led rides, and engage 1,500 people through advice and support, targeting disadvantaged and underrepresented	£200,000

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	groups across Glasgow.	
Cycle Ready Workplaces by Bike for Good Ltd	The Cycle Ready Workplaces project will support 20-25 Glasgow's employers to create cycling friendly workplaces. It will include engaging and encouraging 1,000 employees for active commuting with initiatives like Bike Buddy sessions, led rides, cycle training, workplace competitions, etc. and supporting employers in enhancing cycling infrastructure such as secure bike storage and shower facilities, salary sacrifice schemes, etc.	£137,000
Go Eco Glasgow - Community Travel Plans by Glasgow Eco Trust	The project will engage 7 primary schools and 9 community centres in west Glasgow to enhance active travel and sustainable transport through coordinated planning and community involvement. It will include 4 school and 4 workplace travel plans, 4 community-led forums, 100 travel diaries, 8 information stalls,	£47,900

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	and a promotional campaign. The project aims to increase active travel adoption, and reduce carbon emissions, along with improving air quality in Glasgow.	
Connecting Communities by Cycling UK	The project will deliver 180 free walking and cycling sessions to 750 underserved residents in the north of Glasgow, promoting active travel. These activities involve working closely with community members to enhance their skills and confidence in active commuting.	£139,000
Play Together on Pedals (PTOP) by Cycling UK	By March 2026, the project will deliver 662 sessions, engage over 5,100 children, and install Pop-Up Bike Parks in 15 schools. It aims to shape future travel behaviour by empowering children to become confident cyclists and travel safely.	£91,000
Drumchapel Actuate Programme by Drumchapel Cycle Hub	The project offers learn-to-ride and group cycling sessions, bike repair services, and cycling education in up to 8 schools. The project will target	£90,000

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	low-income individuals and families in the north-west Glasgow, providing access to affordable bikes and cycling confidence session.	

2.10 It should be noted that should underspend become available across the wider SPT PPP fund, the values noted in Table 1 may vary across the financial year.

2.11 **Local Authority Direct Award**

2.12 GCCs own initiatives, previously funded through SCSP, will now be progressed using the Local Authority Direct Award (LADA) from Transport Scotland.

2.13 The total LADA for 25/26 is £341,958.00 (£113,986 Capital and £227,972 Revenue) and will be used to progress activities and initiatives which aim to support GCCs new Staff Travel Plan, Road Safety initiatives which encourage walking, wheeling and cycling to school, maintaining and updating GIS mapping of the City's cycle routes and paths, winter gritting of cycle routes to ensure they remain useable all year round, ongoing support to our community partners, bespoke support to large workplaces across Glasgow to encourage more sustainable commuting, and finally to build and enhance GCCs active travel digital hub. An update on these workstreams will be provided during the course of the year.

3 **Active Travel Infrastructure Fund (ATIF)**

3.1 As noted in Section 1.3, Active Travel design and construction is now funded via the Transport Scotland "Active Travel Infrastructure Fund" (Tier 1 and Tier 2).

3.2 **ATIF Tier 1**

3.3 As noted above, ATIF Tier 1 replaced the Cycling, Walking, Safer Routes fund during FY 24/25 and is now allocated to LAs directly as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement. This grant is ring fenced for walking, cycling and wheeling projects and GCC has been allocated £4,989,000 for 25/26 through Tier 1 of the fund. This is an increase of £300,000 on FY 24/25

3.4 GCC will use this funding to progress a variety of smaller scale, localised projects that contribute to the Council's strategic transport and road safety aims in a "business as usual" manner. This fund will deliver a range of workstreams. These are, but not limited to, the following:

- Construction of Phase 5 of the East City Way on London Road from Canmore street to Braidfauld junction.
- Active travel design work supporting the delivery of the City Network including East City Way phase 4, Connecting Greater Govan and Flourishing Molendinar Phase 2.
- Installation of high visibility cycle counters
- Continued installation of the school cycle shelters programme.
- Improved pedestrian facilities such as tactile paving, dropped kerbs, step free crossings, pavement widening and minor cycling enhancements at various locations across the city.
- Signal upgrades to enhance the pedestrian and cycling experience at junctions across the city.

3.5 **ATIF Tier 2**

- 3.6 Unlike Tier 1 which is allocated via block grant, the ATIF Tier 2 fund is administered via a competitive bidding process and has effectively replaced the Sustrans Places for Everyone fund. This fund is separated into two distinct phases: Design and Constructions and prioritises those LAs with a clear strategy and committed pipeline of projects.
- 3.7 Match funding is a requirement of this funding award, but the scale of this requirement is dependent on the nature of the project and the materials used. For example, use of high-quality public realm materials over basic materials requires a higher level of match funding to be provided and project which do not provide a high level of service for walking and cycling are highly likely not to be funded.
- 3.8 The Council's adopted City Network Final Delivery Plan represents GCC's commitment, as outlined within the overarching [Glasgow Transport Strategy](#) and related [Active Travel Strategy](#), to create a safe city-wide cycling network. Delivery of the City Network will be a key driver in achieving the Council's commitments to net zero carbon, a minimum reduction of [30% of car kilometres travelled by 2030](#), and a commitment to achieve '[Vision Zero](#)' where no-one is killed or seriously injured on our roads, streets, cycle ways and footpaths.
- 3.9 The City Network Final Delivery Plan sets out a clear, sequential phasing approach to delivery. The GCC projects which have successfully awarded were identified within the approved phasing plan and are as follows:

Project Title	Value awarded
Connecting Woodside – St Georges Road Phase	£991,700
Connecting Yorkhill & Kelvingrove – Phase 1	£1,460,000
Flourishing Moldendinar – Phase 1	£806,000
Dumbreck Road Active Travel Link	£622,300

- 3.10 These projects will now be physically constructed over 25/26 continuing the Council commitment to delivering high quality active travel infrastructure. Please note that at the time of writing this report GCC has yet to learn the outcome of our bids for design funding. Once the outcome of this is known a further update will be provided to Committee.

4 SPT Capital Grant Fund.

- 4.1 This year has seen the reopening of the SPT Capital Grant Fund. This competitive bid fund provides funding for improvements to public transport facilities such as bus stops and access at SPT subway stations. The department through this fund has received funding for the following projects and values.

Project Title	Value awarded
Bus Traffic Route Priority upgrades	£150,000
Improved access to Bus and Subway stations	£275,000
Paisley Road West Bus Corridor Improvements	£10,000

5 Budget Adjustments

- 5.1 Committee should also note that, in addition to the above noted funding streams, Officers are currently awaiting the outcome of further competitive bids on several other sources these include:

- Transport Scotland Bus Infrastructure Fund
- Transport Scotland ATIF Tier 2 – Design fund
- Transport Scotland Road Safety Improvement Fund

- 5.2 In the event that any of these bids are successful, a further paper shall be brought to Committee later in the year.

Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: £10,656,009.00

Legal: GCC Legal Services to conduct due diligence

Personnel: No personnel issues

Procurement: Works will be procured according to Standing Orders

Council Strategic Plan: Supports Grand Challenge 3: Fight the Climate Emergency in a Just Transition to a Net Zero

Glasgow and Mission 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

Yes. This proposal supports the outcomes though
Outcome 2 - Disabled people, black and minority ethnic people and older people have an improved experience in accessing services that meet their needs through more regular and systematic involvement in design of service delivery across the Council Family.

Outcome 6 - The importance of tackling social isolation and loneliness is recognised and prioritised through our work with partners

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

Positive impact.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Yes. Improving opportunities for access to sustainable and/or active travel and enhancing local environments through improving conditions for cycling/walking can help address barriers to social mobility, improve access to services and employment opportunities, and can help to address problems of physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

Yes. The proposal supports the Climate Plan through actions:
No 51 – “Deliver a comprehensive active travel network, incorporating the Spaces for People measures and enabling 20 minute neighborhoods through the livable neighborhoods plan.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Encouragement of cycling and/or walking for daily utility journeys will have a positive impact.

The projects will improve Glasgow's urban environment and connectivity, thus leading to an increase in sustainable travel methods and a reduced carbon footprint.

*Will the proposal
contribute to
Glasgow's net zero
carbon target?*

Yes. Increased use of active and sustainable transport modes will contribute to net zero.

**Privacy and Data
Protection Impacts:**

None.

**Are there any potential
data protection impacts
as a result of this report
Y/N**

No

6 Recommendations

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