



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 6

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**Report by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener
for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre
Recovery**

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Behaviour Change Project Funding

Purpose of Report:

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

Recommendations:

The City Administration Committee is asked to approve the acceptance of the SPT People and Place External Grant Fund.

Ward No(s):

Local member(s) advised: Yes No

Citywide:

consulted: Yes No

1. Background

- 1.1. Members will be aware that Glasgow City Council have historically accepted external funding which is then distributed via the Council to third sector organisations.
- 1.2. At this time, Glasgow City Council are in a position to accept external funding through SPTs People and Place Fund. This fund is used specifically to facilitate behaviour change projects undertaken by third sector organisations. These behaviour change projects are critical elements of the Councils Transport Strategy.
- 1.3. Due to the Scottish Election on 7th May 2026 there has been a delay in grant awards while cabinet secretaries are appointed to posts. A further update will be provided to elected members once funding sources are confirmed for 2026/27.

2. Active Travel Behaviour Change Funding

People and Place Programme

- 2.1. A key element of Glasgow's Active Travel Strategy (and overarching Glasgow Transport Strategy) relies upon changing behaviours. This work is essentially funded through SPTs People and Place Programme (PPP). The PPP is administered by the Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) on behalf of Transport Scotland 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
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. The PPP fund in 26/27 will deliver behaviour change initiatives under the following key themes:
 - Schools and Young People
 - Accessibility and Inclusion
 - Capacity and Capability Building:
- 2.4. GCC sought expressions of interest for funding from members of the Glasgow Community Cycling Network (GCCN) who have received funding through the grant award scheme previously.
- 2.5. All organisations who responded to the council were included in GCC's final application to PPP with GCC applying on their behalf with the full budget requested by the organisation.
- 2.6. In May 2026 GCC received feedback from SPT that they had assessed the application and determined which Third Sector projects would be awarded. A total of £599,404.20 for behaviour change initiatives across a broad programme of activity has been successful secured via this competitive process. However SPT have advised that this will rise subject to committee approval.

- 2.7. The current figure represents of reduction of £362,746.8 than was awarded in 25/26. However, it should be noted that an additional £44,000 is being awarded to Glasgow Eco Trust directly by SPT rather than through GCC.
- 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 funded via PPP are noted and detailed below:

Project Title	Project Descriptor	Total Project Cost
Women on Wheels	Women on Wheels will empower 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 past participants. The project aims to boost cycling confidence, promote sustainable travel, and increase diversity and leadership among women in the cycling community.	£94,500
St Paul's Youth Forum - Flourishing Futures	The project will engage underrepresented and deprived groups in Northeast 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.	£133,604.20
Play Together on Pedals	Play Together on Pedals will support and enable children in SIMD 1&2 areas of Glasgow to cycle – and by extension enable families to cycle	£49,000

	<p>together; reducing car dependency increasing physical activity and improving health and wellbeing. This will be undertaken through the delivery of cycle sessions, installation of Pop-Up Bike Parks in schools. The project aims to shape future travel behaviour by empowering children to become confident cyclists and travel safely.</p>	
<p>Drumchapel Cycle Hub - Learn Repair Ride</p>	<p>Drumchapel Cycle Hub will deliver Learn - Repair – Ride project providing a comprehensive pathway of activities and support for families in the community to build active travel habits that will benefit overall health and well-being. Affordable options for bikes and repairs provide adult individuals who are attending a new workplace or place of study with a low-cost transport option, and young people with access to a bike that they might not be able to access otherwise.</p>	<p>£63,300</p>
<p>Cycle Forward: Bike for Good's Core Programme</p>	<p>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 low-income individuals, cycling lessons, led</p>	<p>£180,000</p>

	rides, and engage people through advice and support, targeting disadvantaged and underrepresented groups across Glasgow	
Connecting Communities by Cycling UK	The project will deliver free walking and cycling sessions to 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	£79,000

2.10 An update on the activities highlighted above will be presented to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods Committee as part of the annual Sustainable Transport Update.

3. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	£599,404.20
<i>Legal:</i>	GCC Legal Services to conduct due diligence
<i>Personnel:</i>	No personnel issues

Procurement:

Council Strategic Plan:	Supports GRAND CHALLENGE THREE – Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow MISSION 1: Deliver sustainable transport and travel aligned with the city region <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Via implementation of the Glasgow Transport Strategy Policy Framework, work to reduce car vehicle kilometres travelled in the city by at least 30 per cent by 2030.
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Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

<i>Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.</i>	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.
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Outcome 6 - The importance of tackling social isolation and loneliness is recognised and prioritised through our work with partners

<i>What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?</i>	Positive Impact
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<i>Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-</i>	Improving opportunities for access to sustainable and/or active travel and enhancing local environments through improving conditions for cycling/walking can help address
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economic disadvantage.

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.

The proposal will assist in reducing the need to travel unsustainably and encourage people to live more locally improving the quality of place and respond to the requirements for the creation of resilient places to cope with and tackle climate change.

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:

No data protection impacts identified.

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

If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out

4. Recommendations

The City Administration Committee is asked to approve the acceptance of the SPT People and Place External Grant Fund.