



West Lothian Council

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS GRANT 2012/13 – 2014/15 UPDATE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Council Executive on the works undertaken in 2012/13 and outline the proposed budget for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) programmes.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Executive:

- approve the proposed 2013/14 and 2014/15 programme; and
- note the efforts of officers to acquire additional funding from Sustrans and SESTran enabling the delivery of more schemes.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Policy: The schemes contribute to improved road safety. Legal: The council has a statutory responsibility for road safety under the Road Traffic Act 1988.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	The schemes will contribute to single outcome agreement: 9 – “We live our lives free from crime, disorder or danger”; and 10 – “We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need”.

- VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)** The programme of schemes will be funded from Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets, Sustrans and SESTran capital grants.
- VII Consideration at PDSP** At its meeting on 16 May 2013 the Environment PDSP noted the terms of the report and referred it to the Council Executive for approval.
- VIII Other consultations** Consultation with ward members and members of the public will be carried out during the design stage of individual schemes.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Background

The three year programme for CWSS was identified in the Council Executive report of 3 April 2012. This was based on the anticipated grant funding to be received from the Scottish Government over the three year period.

Scheme/Block	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	Total £'000
Cycling Schemes	80	74	108	262
Footpath Schemes	65	-	70	135
Pedestrian Crossings	35	90	72	197
School Travel Schemes	20	20	20	60
Total	200	184	270	654

2012/13 Programme

In addition to the CWSS grant allocated from the Scottish Government, officers were able to secure additional partnership funding from Sustrans and SESTran. The successful acquisition of additional grant funding has meant that more works could be progressed than was originally planned in April 2012.

Both phases of the cyclepath along the A89 between Bangour Village Hospital and Deans Roundabout have been completed. The provision of footways at Robertson Way, Livingston and Mill Road, Armadale are also complete.

Pedestrian/traffic surveys have been carried out at the twelve sites identified for further investigation for the requirement for pedestrian crossings. This includes the three sites identified as reserve schemes. A separate report will be presented to the Council Executive detailing the assessment and officer's recommendation.

The on going initiatives, such as ParkSmart, Walk to School Weeks and support for working buses is being continued with the assistance of the budget allocated to School Travel Schemes. This has also allowed surveys of existing advisory school keep clear zig-zag road markings to be progressed to enable these markings to be made legally enforceable. All of which is contributing to the safety of children going to and from schools.

The progress of schemes in 2012/13 is detailed in Appendix 1.

2013/14 and 2014/15 Proposed Budget

The continual provision of funding for the CWSS budget has allowed officers to negotiate additional funding provision in partnership with Sustrans. The outcome of these negotiations is that match funding has been secured to the value of £160,000 for cycling schemes to:

- deliver the provision of a cyclepath between Boghall Roundabout and Wester Inch; and
- progress the design of key links to the canal towpath from Linlithgow Academy and Linlithgow Sports Centre.

In addition, funding to the value of £250,000 is being made available through Sustrans to provide additional links to stations along the Airdrie to Bathgate railway line:

- deliver an upgraded cyclepath on the NCR75 between Bathville and Armadale station;
- progress the design of an upgraded cyclepath along the NCR75 at Blackridge; and
- progress the feasibility design of key links to Armadale station along the B8084 from Whitburn.

The following table shows the anticipated spend for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in the areas identified in the CWSS programme. It includes additional funding secured to help deliver the programme and is draft for 2014/15 as a report will be presented on the 2014/15 budget to the PDSP and Council Executive in Spring 2014 for consideration and approval. Slippage from the 2012/13 capital programme is not included in the budget figures, as this will be managed during the budget roll forward process that will be reported to the Council Executive for approval in June 2013.

Scheme/Block	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000
Cycling Schemes	404	44
Footpath Schemes	-	110
Pedestrian Crossings	170	96
School Travel Schemes	20	20
Total	594*	270

* Funded £184,000 Scottish Government CWSS grant and £410,000 Sustrans grant.

E. CONCLUSION

The approval of this report will allow the progress of the CWSS programme and the delivery of safer environment for pedestrian and cyclists and provide key links between communities, public transport and local community facilities.

The key schemes to be undertaken during 2013/14 are:

Cycling Schemes

- Upgrade path to cyclepath between Lower Bathville, Armadale and NCR75 (including the pedestrian/cycle ramp).
- Provision of cyclepath from A7066 Boghall to Wester Inch.
- Design of NCR75 at Blackridge to provide a link to the new station.
- Design of key links to the canal towpath from Linlithgow Academy and Linlithgow Sports Centre.
- Feasibility design of key links to Armadale station along the B8084 from Whitburn.

Pedestrian crossings Schemes

- Kirkgate at its junction with Main Street, West Calder
- A899 West Main Street, Broxburn
- Glasgow Road, Bathgate
- Howden South Road, Livingston
- A71 Near West Calder High School
- Whitburn Road, Bathgate
- A706 Mains Road, Linlithgow
- Simpson Parkway, Linlithgow (2014/15)
- Carondean Centre Road, Livingston (2014/15)
- Blyth Road, Broxburn (2014/15)

The report notes the welcomed partnership contributions towards schemes from both Sustrans and SEStran.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Council Executive Committee on 3 April 2012 – Cycling, Walking Safer Streets Grant
Proposed Programme 2012/13 – 2014/15

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1 – CWSS Programme Update

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Schemes	Ward	Officer Recommendation (CE report 3 April 2012)	Progress	Outcome met
Cycle Schemes				
A89 Phase 1 - Cyclepath from Bangour Village Hospital to Nellburn Path	2, 3, 8	Implementation dependant on securing partnership funding.	Works complete	Delivered through partnership funding from Sustrans and SESTran. Total additional funding secured.
A89 Phase 2 - Cyclepath from Nellburn Path to Deans Roundabout	2, 3, 8	Implementation dependant on securing partnership funding.	Works complete	Delivered through partnership funding from Sustrans and SESTran. Total additional funding secured.
Contribution to the extension of hard surfacing of the Union Canal towpath in Linlithgow	1	Implement year 1 or 2 (subject to partners delivery programme).	Scottish Canals have secured partnership funding from Sustrans to deliver scheme.	Will be delivered in 2013/14.
Upgrade of the pedestrian/cycle ramp south of Armadale	9	Implement year 1.	Officers have secured partnership funding from Sustrans to deliver scheme.	Will be delivered in 2013/14 and will include the upgrade of the path to between Lower Bathville, Armadale and NCR75.
Realignment of NCR75 at Blackridge to provide a link to the new station	9	Enter discussions with Sustrans to see if project can be part of its programme.	Officers have secured partnership funding from Sustrans to progress design of scheme.	Funding secured will allow design to progress, including submission of a planning application, and allow negotiations with land owner to commence.
Upgrade path to cyclepath between Lower Bathville, Armadale and NCR75	9	Enter discussions with Sustrans to see if project can be part of its programme.	Officers have secured partnership funding from Sustrans to deliver scheme.	Will be delivered in 2013/14 and will include the upgrade pedestrian cycle ramp south of Armadale.

Schemes	Ward	Officer Recommendation (CE report 3 April 2012)	Progress	Outcome met
Footpath Schemes				
Robertson Way to The Loan Path, Livingston – Provision of Footpath	3	Implement year 1	Works complete	Scheme delivered.
Mill Road, Armadale – Provision of Footway link to Millburn Area	9	Implement year 1	Works complete	Scheme delivered.
Murieston Road, Livingston – Provision of Footway link to Murieston East Road	4	Implement year 3	Works programmed for year 3	To be delivered 2014/15.
Macintosh Road, Livingston - Provision of Footpath	4	Reserve Scheme	Progression of scheme will depend on funding available.	Scheme placed in reserve.
Newpark Road, Livingston – Footway Widening	4	Reserve Scheme	Progression of scheme will depend on funding available.	Scheme placed in reserve.
Pedestrian Crossings				
12 locations identified in Appendix 3 of Council Executive report dated 3 April 2012.	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	Further Investigation	Assessments of sites complete. The ten recommended schemes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirkgate at its junction with Main Street, West Calder • A899 West Main Street, Broxburn • Glasgow Road, Bathgate • Howden South Road, Livingston • A71 Near West Calder High School • Whitburn Road, Bathgate • A706 Mains Road, Linlithgow • Simpson Parkway, Livingston • Carmondean Centre Road • Blyth Road, Broxburn 	Assessment and officer's recommendation taken to Env. PDSP as separate report. Will be delivered in 2013/14 and 2014/15.