

## Note of meeting

### Active Travel Forum

10.00am, Tuesday 4 September 2018

#### Present:

##### Elected Members

Councillors Lesley Macinnes (Convener) and Booth.

##### Organisation Representatives

Gary Bell (Paths for All), Emma Crowther (University of Edinburgh), Dave De Feu (Spokes), Sarah Feldman (Sustrans), Marie Ferdelman (University of Edinburgh), Charles Graham (Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme), Kim Harding (Edinburgh Festival of Cycling), Peter Hawkins (Cycling UK (Scotland)), Martin Higgins (NHS Lothian), David Hunter (Living Streets Edinburgh), Peter Jackson (SESTran), June Jansen (Queensferry and District Community Council), Martin McDonnell (Spokes), David Monaghan (RBS Gogarburn Bicycle Users Group), Richard Pearson (Private Member) and Katherine Soane (Transport for Edinburgh).

##### City of Edinburgh Council Officers

Mel Coutts (Strategic Development Officer (Sport & Physical Activity)), Martin Duncan (Access Officer), Andrew Easson (Road Safety & Active Travel Manager), Rurighd McMeddes (Stakeholder Liaison Officer), Phil Noble (ATAP Team Leader), Naomi Sandilands (Planning Officer) and Darren Wraight (Senior Project Manager).

### 1. Introduction

Councillor Macinnes welcomed members of the Active Travel Forum and advised that the key topics for presentation and table top discussion would be the Local Development Plan, Tram Extension, Bike Hire Scheme and Active Travel Plan.

## 2. Minute

### Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of 25 April 2018 as a correct record, subject to the removal of “Project Officer” next to Richard Pearson’s name on the list of attendees.
- 2) To note that, as an update to the AOCB section, a Project Manager had been recruited to help with Community Links Plus, and adverts for three more permanent members of staff would be going live shortly.
- 3) To note the update to the issue raised about bicycles on trams, which would now be allowed.
- 4) To agree that officers would include a Q&A section on future agendas to allow members of the group to ask questions to Councillors/Council officers.

## 3. Local Development Plan

Naomi Sandilands gave a presentation on the City Plan 2030, which would replace the Local Development Plan 2016. The City Plan 2030 would be aligned with the 2050 City Vision and a new City Plan would be developed every 10 years. Details were provided of proposed engagement and consultation, with the Plan expected in August 2019. A Main Issues Report in early 2019 would set out:

- The main statutory consultation stage
- Key changes arising since previous plan
- Proposed spatial strategy
- Preferred options
- Reasonable alternatives

Details were also provided of the 2018 Action Programme and specifically the actions relating to transport and active travel.

Members were invited to discuss the proposals in the form of tabletop discussions and written feedback was provided.

### Decision

To note the update and the feedback provided.

## 4. Tramline Extension Update

Councillor Macinnes provided an update on the Tramline Extension project. A Full Business Case for the extension was due to be submitted first to the Transport and Environment Committee and then Full Council in December 2018.

Work was progressing on two key elements of the project, the final design of the route and the support for business package. On the final design, a consultation would be undertaken at the end of September 2018 and would use Community Councils and a public exhibition to enable feedback. The business support package was generally well received at consultation stage. It took recognition of

the various issues experienced by business during construction and went well beyond window cleaning. Spokes highlighted the importance of maintaining two way cycling during construction, and were encouraged to raise this issue during the consultation.

### **Decision**

To note the update.

## **5. Bike Hire Scheme Update**

Katherine Soane, Senior Project Officer, Transport for Edinburgh, and Charles Graham, General Manager, Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme, gave a presentation on the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme, which was due to go live in September 2018.

Details were provided of the bicycles, “Your Bike”, which had been tested on steep surfaces in Edinburgh, and the docking stations, which were cheaper to install than those used in London. The docks were moveable and worked alongside an app-based system. The locations of the docks were provided and members were invited to make suggestions for any other locations. Initial stations had been identified for the core strategic network, based on identifiable flow:

- University residential and study locations
- Main centres of employment
- Primary visitor destinations
- City centre transport hubs (Rail, Bus, Tram)

### **Decision**

To note the update.

## **6. Active Travel Plan Update & Refresh**

Details were provided of the proposed refresh of the Active Travel Plan. The Plan had previously been refreshed in 2013 and 2016 – members were invited to consider whether the Plan should be refreshed at the turn of 2018/19 or to hold off until 2020, and also whether any change of emphasis was required.

Following a short tabletop discussion, the following feedback was provided:

- Table 1 – it would be better to continue to deliver the existing plan than to refresh it, but it would be good to introduce RAG monitoring and clearer explanation of why certain actions have failed to be achieved. Rather than setting new objectives, it would be better to reflect on why some have not been possible. Propose setting up a Short Life Working Group to consider these issues.
- Table 2 – it would not be a good use of resources to do a refresh of the Plan now.

- Table 3 – a refresh would be useful due to the number of changes over the last few years, new funding opportunities and the tram extension. Propose a small interim review, if not a full review.
- Table 4 – would welcome a refresh of the Plan.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To agree that officers would consider the feedback and discuss with councillors, before developing a proposal in advance of the December 2018 meeting of this forum.

## **7. Future Active Travel Forum Meetings**

The next Active Travel Forum had not yet been organised but was expected to take place in December 2018.

### **Decision**

To note that the next Active Travel Forum would be confirmed shortly.

## **8. AOCB**

Officers asked for volunteers to discuss the proposed programme for Smarter Choices, Smarter Places. This would involve one on one discussions. Volunteers were asked to email the Active Travel Team or add their name to the list.

### **Decision**

To note the update.