

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Enterprise Resources Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>1 September 2010</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustrans Memorandum of Understanding</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval for the Council to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Sustrans. This partnership will provide the Council with additional funding to provide improved facilities for walking and cycling and for promoting and encouraging active travel.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) be authorised to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with Sustrans in consultation with the Head of Legal Services as appropriate, in terms which are in the best interests of the Council
- (2) that powers be delegated to the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) in consultation with the Head of Legal Services as appropriate, to enter into any future Sustrans Memorandum of Understandings in terms which are in the best interest of the Council

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Sustrans is a charity set up to promote sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. They receive funding from the Scottish Government which enables them to enter into partnership with various organisations, including local authorities, to develop facilities to encourage walking and cycling.
- 3.2. Sustrans require the Council to enter into partnership, by means of a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide funding for improved and safe walking and cycling facilities and for promoting and encouraging active travel.
- 3.3. Given the sometimes late award of this type of funding and taking account of the committee cycle it is recommended that powers be delegated to the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) to enter into all future Memorandum of Understandings with Sustrans.

## 4. Discussion

- 4.1. There are many road safety, environmental and health benefits to be gained by encouraging walking and cycling and for providing new and improved infrastructure. By working in partnership with Sustrans we can encourage more people to use sustainable forms of travel.

- 4.2 Approximately £168,000 is being provided for the following projects in 2010/11.

**National Cycle Network 74 (£100k)**

- 4.3 The project is designed to extend the National Cycle Network Route 74 by providing a cycle link between the ongoing Connect 2 cycle project in Hamilton and National Cycle Network Route 75 near Uddingston Railway Station. The route will run from Bothwell Bridge through Blantyre, Bothwell and Uddingston and will pass by 2 railway stations, 2 schools, a sports centre and the David Livingstone Centre. The route uses a mixture of off road paths and footways and on road sections on quiet streets. The works include footway and footpath widening/surfacing works along with new signs and road markings.

**Heathery Knowe and St Louise Primary Schools (£14k)**

- 4.4 This project is designed to improve walking and cycling links to Heathery Knowe and St Louise's Primary Schools in East Kilbride and for the wider community of The Murray. This involves the conversion of a Pelican to a Toucan Crossing and utilisation of sections of existing footway and remote footpaths to access the schools. The scheme also includes new cycle signage and road markings. The scheme will specifically assist in Heathery Knowe Primary School's aspirations of developing a school 'Cycle Train', one of the measures contained in their school travel plan.

**Improvements to pedestrian facilities in East Kilbride (£5k)**

- 4.5 This project will improve access for mobility impaired pedestrians by providing dropped kerbs at crossing locations that are acting as barriers to active travel. Various locations in and around Skye, Arran, Scalpay and Calderglen Road will be targeted. The locations have been identified by the community as creating travel difficulties for the mobility impaired.

**Cycle link connecting East Mains, East Kilbride (£15k)**

- 4.6 This project will provide a short section of cycle route to link the area of East Mains, East Kilbride to the East Kilbride to Glasgow National Cycle Network Route 756. This involves the conversion of a Pelican to a Toucan Crossing and utilisation of a section of existing footway and remote footpath to access the National Cycle Network. The scheme also includes new cycle signage and road markings.

**St Kenneth's and Kirktonholme Primary Schools, East Kilbride (£20k)**

- 4.7 This project is for the proposed introduction of mandatory 20mph areas at two separate housing areas both used as pedestrian and vehicular access routes to Kirktonholme Primary and St. Kenneth's RC Primary Schools, East Kilbride. The scheme will also incorporate some localised footway realignment works and conversion of an existing Pelican crossing to a Toucan Crossing on West Mains Road. These works will improve facilities and links to the new schools for both pedestrians and cyclists.

**Croftfoot Railway Station (£14k)**

- 4.8 This project is designed to provide improved walking and cycling links to Croftfoot Railway Station for the residents of Kingspark, Rutherglen. This involves the conversion of a Pelican to a Toucan Crossing and utilisation of sections of existing footway and remote footpaths to access the station. The scheme also includes new cycle signage and road markings.

**5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There will be no additional workload as the Council is already developing the above proposals.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. In the current economic climate the Council is trying to maximise funding from external sources and where possible use internal and other external funding as sources of match funding.
- 6.2 The additional £168,000 from Sustrans will be supplemented, to the sum of £68,000, by funding from the Road Safety/Cycling Walking and Safer Streets capital budget. This will enable the Council to spend a further £68,000 on other road safety measures. Funds received from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) will also be used to match fund the £100,000 for works to the National Cycle Network Route 74.

## **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. The promotion of cycling/walking helps reduce our carbon emissions and thus helps tackle sustainability targets.
- 7.2. There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There was no requirement to undertake consultation in terms of the content of this report.

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values**

- ◆ Improve community safety
- ◆ Improve health and increase physical activity
- ◆ Improves lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Sustainable development
- ◆ People focused

### **Previous References**

- ◆ None

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Memorandum of Understanding

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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