

Cycle Hire

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 15 February 2021, proposed by Councillor Martin Lennon, seconded by Councillor Joe Fagan, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council notes the success of public bicycle-sharing schemes in towns and cities across the UK, Europe and the world.

Cycling is a mode of transport which is environmentally friendly, conducive to an active lifestyle and can bring great benefits to individuals and communities.

The introduction of public bike-sharing schemes has been demonstrated to encourage people to take up cycling and to create an environment on the roads which is safer for and more welcoming to new cyclists.

Key to the value of any scheme is the prevalence of places where users can start and end journeys, and the ability of users to use the scheme for journeys to work, education or leisure sites.

The council further notes that there are several funding streams for active travel projects available to Scottish local authorities, and that our neighbouring authority, Glasgow City Council, has hosted a successful and expanding bike hire scheme in partnership with the firm Next Bike.

The council resolves to instruct senior officers to undertake a feasibility study into creating a bicycle hire scheme in South Lanarkshire and/or extending the Glasgow ‘Next Bike’ hire scheme into South Lanarkshire. The study will report back to the relevant committees within 6 months.”