
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM SUSTRANS

Report by Service Director Regulatory Services

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

21 March 2017

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report provides details on additional funding from Sustrans for cycling and walking related projects in the Scottish Borders.**
- 1.2 Sustrans has allocated £140k in additional spend for cycling and walking related projects for the Scottish Borders area which will be allocated into the current financial year and the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.3 There are seven projects throughout the Scottish Borders that will benefit from this allocation:
- Path construction - Duns High School – Match Funded;
 - Feasibility Work - Hawick Flood Defence Scheme – Match Funded;
 - Detailed Design – Kelso – Sprouston – Fully Funded;
 - Detailed Design – Kelso – Roxburgh – Fully Funded;
 - Detailed Design - Earlston – Leaderfoot – Fully Funded;
 - Detailed Design – Peebles – Eddleston – Fully Funded; and
 - Path Construction – Lauder – Fully Funded.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive Committee:**
- (a) **Notes the additional funding of £140k allocated to Scottish Borders Council from Sustrans for cycling and walking related projects.**
 - (b) **Agrees the spending allocations as detailed in Table 4.1**
 - (c) **Approves virement in 2016/17 and 2017/18 as detailed in Table 4.1.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Sustainable Transport Charity Sustrans are one of Scottish Borders Council's key funding partners in relation to cycling and walking related projects.
- 3.2 Sustrans is very supportive of the work we are undertaking throughout the Scottish Borders and has made a significant contribution to a number of projects throughout the Scottish Borders over a number of years.

4 PROPOSED FUNDING

- 4.1 Sustrans has allocated Scottish Borders Council £140k to be spent on a total of seven projects throughout our area. An element of this financial allocation will be delivered within the current financial year and the majority of the allocation will be delivered within 2017/18.
- 4.2 Five projects have been provided with a full financial allocation to undertake the required works and two of the projects require match funding.
- 4.3 Match funding is allocated to the value of £15k from within the Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets budget to allow works to the value of £30k and match funding is allocated to the value of £5k from within the Hawick Flood Prevention Scheme budgets to allow works to the value of £10k. These works will be undertaken within 2016/17.
- 4.4 Table 4.1 provided below provides details of the proposed projects and an indication of the proposed spend allocation.

Project	Allocation	Spend 2016/17	Spend 2017/18
	£,000	£,000	£,000
Duns High School Link - Path Construction	15 (Match Funded)	15	
Hawick Flood Defence Scheme - Feasibility	5 (Match Funded)	5	
Kelso - Sprouston - Detailed Design	10 (Full allocation)	2	8
Kelso - Roxburgh - Detailed Design	10 (Full allocation)	2	8
Earlston - Leaderfoot - Detailed Design	30 (Full allocation)		30
Peebles - Eddleston - Detailed Design	40 (Full allocation)	5	35
Lauder - Path Construction	30 (Full allocation)	30	
Total	140	59	81

Table 4.1 – Spend Allocation for Sustrans Projects

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

Approves an increase in the budget allocation to Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets of £59k in 2016/17 and £81k in 2017/18, fully funded by Sustrans.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no specific risks associated with this funding allocation.

5.3 **Equalities**

There are no Equalities or Diversity issues associated with this report.

5.4 **Acting Sustainably**

The development of more walking and cycling routes will be beneficial for sustainability.

5.5 **Carbon Management**

The development of more walking and cycling routes will help to reduce carbon emissions.

5.6 **Rural Proofing**

This report will help to promote the rural environment.

5.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Delegation are required as a result of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted on this report and their comments incorporated.

Approved by

Service Director Regulatory Services Signature.....

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