#### WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

# Report by Acting Director of Housing, Regeneration & Environmental Services (Land and Environmental Services)

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee: 13 June 2007

# **Subject:** SPT Transportation Funding 2007/8

### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the recent award of grant funding totalling £240,000 from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) and to note the projects to be undertaken.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 For the past four years, West Dunbartonshire Council have bid for transportation funding through first WESTRANS, and more recently SPT the Regional Transport Partnership for the West of Scotland. Until this year we had been allocated, in broad terms, a pro-rata level of funding appropriate to our population of around £100k per year.
- 2.2 In January 2007, SPT invited bids for projects which will start to deliver key actions for the Regional Transport Strategy.
- 2.3 A submission was made for a number of potential projects within West Dunbartonshire and the Council was successful in being awarded a total of £240,000 for various initiatives which meet the established criteria.

#### 3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The acceptance and implementation of these grant monies will assist West Dunbartonshire deliver actions from the Regional Transport Strategy and enhance the provision / quality of public transport in our area.
- **3.2** The projects selected by SPT for implementation are:

•	Feasibility of creating new rail based Park and Ride at Dalreoch	£10,000
•	Feasibility of creating a new rail based Park and Ride at	
	Alexandria	£25,000
•	Implementation of Cycle Routes to rail stations	£40,000
•	Part funding of bus infrastructure improvements on Faifley /	
	Baillieston Quality Bus Corridor	£50,000
•	General bus stop infrastructure improvements	£40,000
•	Dalmuir Park and Ride (in addition to the £70,000 provided in	
	2006/7)	£75,000

- **3.3** The funding provided includes professional fees and construction costs.
- **3.4** SPT require works to be complete by 31 March 2008.
- 4. Personnel Issues
- **4.1** There are no personnel issues at this time.
- 5. Financial Implications
- **5.1** All funding is being provided by SPT.
- 6. Risk Analysis
- **6.1** It was not considered necessary to carry out a risk assessment for this work.
- 7. Conclusion
- **7.1** Grants of this nature are essential in assisting the Council achieve its objectives on encouraging use of public transport through improvement of infrastructure.
- **7.2** Officers continue to identify potential funding sources and submit bids for transportation projects which meet the criteria of the funding source.
- 8. Recommendation
- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the award of grant and the projects listed selected and approved by SPT.

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**Background Papers:** None

Wards Affected: All