

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Community Participation Committee: Wednesday 22 August, 2007

Subject: Travelling Green Project in Schools

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update the Committee of the success of West Dunbartonshire Council's 'Travelling Green' project.

2. Background

- 2.1** A report was submitted to the Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee on the 4 April 2007 informing the Committee of the funding received from the Scottish Executive to make West Dunbartonshire Council's 'Travelling Green' project available to all schools in Scotland.
- 2.2** Travelling Green is an active travel project which aims to get more children walking to and from school. Primary 5 pupils are the main age group that Travelling Green is aimed at, as they are at an age where they are more likely to be given the freedom by their parents to develop greater independence and maturity. Travelling Green fits in well to the school curriculum and can be used as a stand alone project, or to enhance other projects. The project raises pupil awareness of significant issues such as Road Safety, Health, Citizenship and the Environment.
- 2.3** The number of schools in West Dunbartonshire Council participating in the project has steadily increased from 4 in 2004 to 20 in 2007.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The uptake of the project in West Dunbartonshire Council schools continues to increase. From the 2007/8 school session, 25 schools will participate in the Travelling Green project. These schools will have incorporated the project into their school's development plan in line with the West Dunbartonshire Council Health Promoting School Communities Development Plan.
- 3.2** The Travelling Green project can contribute towards schools achieving Health Promoting School accreditation and Eco Schools award.
- 3.3** The National recognition of this successful scheme has resulted in grant funding from the Scottish Executive to West Dunbartonshire to facilitate the national rollout of the project. The value of this funding is £200,507.

3.4 The updating of resources has been carried out by the Road Safety Education Team, and the resources have been printed. They have also developed the national training course, and have delivered the first national training day. A further three national training days have been organised in August and September in Perth, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

3.5 The Travelling Green project has been submitted for this year's Scottish Transport Award in the category 'Travel to School and Work'.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Council will reclaim staff time against the grant allocated for the national rollout of the Travelling Green project up to a value of £200,507.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There is no risk assessment required to be carried out as part of this activity.

7. Conclusions

7.1 West Dunbartonshire Council will achieve national recognition for the 'Travelling Green' project, and it is hoped that all schools throughout Scotland will benefit from the project developed by the Council.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee acknowledge the continuing success of the Travelling Green project in West Dunbartonshire Council schools, and the national recognition that the project has brought the Council.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: Report to Community Safety and Environmental Services
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Subject: Travelling Green – National Launch
Report to Community Safety and Environmental Services
Committee 4 April – Funding Report

Wards Affected: All Wards