

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

**Community Safety & Environmental Services Committee: 4 April 2007**

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#### **Subject: Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2007/2008**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Committee to undertake the attached list of schemes which will be funded from the Scottish Executive public transport budget.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** In September 2003 the Scottish Executive announced that the Scottish local authorities were to receive £16.8 million funding over two years (2004/5 and 2005/6) for cycling, walking and safer street projects. A further announcement in January 2005 extended this funding for a further 2 years.
- 2.2** This extra funding has enabled the Council to further develop and introduce a wide variety of projects including cycle lanes, installation of pedestrian and cyclists' crossings, traffic calming schemes and additional measures to improve pedestrian safety.
- 2.3** The Scottish Executive has previously allocated £151,000 for year 2003/2004, £151,000 for year 2004/2005, £159,000 for 2005/6 and £160,000 for 2006/2007. The allocation for year 2007/2008 will be £164,000.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The Scottish Executive and the Council are committed to cutting the number of deaths and injuries on our roads and targets have been set to halve the number of children killed or seriously injured by 2010.
- 3.2** Currently the Council is on target to achieve this and this further year of additional funding amounting to £164,000 will assist in helping to deliver the target for 2010.
- 3.3** The programme for the financial year 2007/2008 is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** The programme will be met fully from the Scottish Executive's allocated capital funding. This is the final confirmed year of this funding from the Executive.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** There has been no risk analysis undertaken for this work.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1** The Council has been funded for 4 years to install safety measures and improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. The funding for 2007/2008 is the final year of the current award from the Scottish Executive.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1** It is recommended that Committee approve the undertaking of the projects detailed in appendix 1.

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**Appendix:** Appendix 1 – Programme of works for financial year 2007/8

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All