

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing Regeneration and Environmental Services

Community Safety and Environmental Services Committee : 4 October 2006

Subject: Clyde Fastlink™ Expansion

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the current work on the potential to extend Glasgow's "Fastlink™ project along the north bank of the Clyde to Clydebank, and to seek endorsement of the Committee's support to the project.

2. Background

- 2.1** The attached Appendix A Inception Report provides the current background information.
- 2.2** The current initial design and feasibility work is being funded by Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The provision of a high quality, limited-stop, frequent bus service between Clydebank Town Centre and Glasgow City Centre is considered to be vital to the successful integration of Clydebank's major new residential, commercial and health related developments.
- 3.2** These new developments will be significant trip generators and encouragement for use of public transport will be vital to minimise future traffic congestion at peak times.
- 3.3** Glasgow's section of Fastlink™ is a key piece of infrastructure in support of the Commonwealth Games bid. The inclusion of Clydebank in this project could provide opportunities for West Dunbartonshire to benefit from Glasgow's ambitious bid.
- 3.4** The proposed main section of route for Fastlink™ from Yoker to Clydebank would follow the proposed alignment of the North Clydeside Development Route (as reported to Committee previously. The potential integration of these two major projects will benefit and support each other and assist in delivering improved links between Clydebank and Glasgow.
- 3.5** A project Steering Group has been established to ensure that the project achieves its programmed milestones and to pursue possible routes for external funding.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues at this time.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial issues. All work is currently being funded by Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

6. Conclusions

6.1 Fastlink™ could be a major public transport asset to West Dunbartonshire in the future, and this early work, fully supported by SPT and the partner Councils provides the best possible chance of delivery through future Scottish Executive funding.

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Committee note the progress made on this project to date, the current scope of work, and to endorse West Dunbartonshire's support to the project.

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Wards Affected: All

Appendix: A – Clyde Fastlink™ Expansion – Inception Report July 2006

Background Papers: None

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