

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2000

PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND BID 2001-2002

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of the successful outcome of the bid for an additional capital allocation from the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund 2001-2002 for a walking and cycling project within Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The government has created this fund to assist local authorities provide key value for money development to their public transport network.
- 2.2** Eligible projects were limited to those which have the primary aim of encouraging the use of public transport, reducing road traffic volumes, improving local environments and working towards meeting statutory targets for air quality; such projects could incorporate measures to include walking and cycling as sustainable modes of transport.
- 2.3** Last year an application made to the Public Transport Fund was successful in achieving an additional capital allocation of £590,000 towards the upgrading of Kilmarnock and Cumnock Bus Stations

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT FUND BID 2001-2002

- 3.1** This year submission in August to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund was for a walking and cycling project in Kilmarnock which would further develop last years successful bid by:-
- a) enhancing access to the Kilmarnock Bus Station, railway station and other major trip generators;
 - b) tackling social inclusion by strengthening transport links to priority areas;
 - c) facilitating future safer routes to school projects;
 - d) reducing dependency on the private car, particularly for shorter journeys to work;
 - e) providing links to the National Cycle Network and other leisure routes; and
 - f) enhancing safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The object of the proposal was to provide an integrated approach to transport provision. The scheme promotes the use of public transport by improving access to the railway station and bus station for both cyclists and pedestrians thus

making it easier for people to use public transport. Cycle carriage on all rail services supported by Strathclyde Passenger Transport is free. Secure cycle lockers and cycle stands are already provided at the railway station. Secure cycle lockers are to be provided at the bus station as part of a planned upgrading. Combining cycling with public transport can extend distance cyclists can reasonably commute.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A phased approach to the expenditure of the £670,000 capital allocation successfully achieved will be as follows:-

2001 – 2002	£420,000
2002 – 2003	£250,000

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Traffic Regulation Orders will be promoted to alter speed limits on various roads within Kilmarnock and by-laws will also require to be amended to permit cycling in Howard Park.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to note the successful outcome of the bid for an additional Capital Allocation from the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. Public Transport Fund Projects : 2001-2002 "Cycling and Walking facilities in Kilmarnock"**

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AGENDA