

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2001

KILMARNOCK CYCLEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of proposals for the provision of cycleways and pedestrian facilities in Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Transport White Paper announced that a Public Transport Fund would be created to assist local authorities in providing value for many enhancements to the public transport network. Bids for 2001-2002 had to be set in the context of the interim Local Transport Strategy and the schemes had to contribute to the strategy objectives.
- 2.2 Eligible projects were limited to those which had the primary aim of encouraging the use of public transport, reducing traffic volumes, promoting social inclusion and improving the environment. Cycling and walking projects were eligible for consideration.
- 2.3 On 1 August 2001 the Development Services Committee approved the proposal to apply to the Public Transport Fund through the Scottish Executive as part of the capital allocation arrangements for projects commencing in 2001-2002. The proposed project was for cycle and pedestrian facilities in Kilmarnock. Cycleways would link communities to the town centre, bus and rail stations. Further proposals for cycleways will provide connections to the national cycle routes, to Glasgow and the Irvine Valley. (Figure 1)
- 2.4 East Ayrshire Council was subsequently awarded an allocation of £670,000 from the Public Transport Fund. The projects are to be completed over a period of two years (2001 – 2003).

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The proposals for cycleways and pedestrian facilities on Western Road and Glasgow Road are shown on the plan (Figure 2)

- 3.2** The proposals aim to reduce traffic speeds, improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and reduce the potential for road accidents.

Cycle lanes will be delineated with traffic signs, white road markings and red textured surfacing. Routes will consist of sections where pedestrian and cyclists are segregated, sections where cyclists are on quiet roads and sections where pedestrians and cyclists share the designated surface.

The proposals have been designed to take account of existing parking needs.

The proposals on Glasgow Road and Western Road will facilitate future access to long distance rural cycle links to Glasgow and the national cycle network via Irvine.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1** A portion of the Public Transport Fund award has to be spent in this financial year and, in order to achieve the necessary progress, consultation has taken place with other interested parties including Community Council's, Councillors, frontagers on the affected streets, emergency services and Local Committee Chairs.

- 4.2** No adverse comments have been received with regard to the proposals on Glasgow Road. One enquiry was received requesting additional information

5. TIMESCALE

- 5.1** A high percentage of the cycleway provision consists of road markings and red textured surfacing, which is weather dependent. It is therefore proposed that work will commence as soon as possible, following the considerations of this Local Committee meeting.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** The proposals would be funded from Public Transport Fund award.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** Traffic Regulation Orders redefining rights of passage will be promoted where necessary.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 It is recommended that the committee :-

- (i) Agrees to the provision of Cycleways and Pedestrian facilities proposed for the Northern Local Area.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA