

To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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Report by:

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**GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group which took place on 20 September 2016. The minute of the meeting is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.2 A key point of discussion at the meeting was the successful funding application for pre-application support funding (PASf) from Transport Scotland for their European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Low Carbon Travel and Transport hub funding.
- 1.3 It was noted at the meeting that, as well as the Greener Transport group's successful application for PASf funding, other organisations which are represented in Renfrewshire have also been awarded this funding: Clyde Muirshiel; NHS GGC; University of Strathclyde; and SPT.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board notes the content of the appendix to this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure the main aims, objectives and priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are achieved, it was agreed to create sub-groups to focus on the four workstreams of the Board: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; Greener Housing; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction. The Greener Housing and the Carbon Management and Waste Reduction groups have since been merged due to the cross cutting priorities and a single group under the priority of Carbon Management has now been formed.
- 3.2 The Greener Transport sub-group was established in 2015 led by Ross Nimmo, Head of Planning and Development at Glasgow Airport, assisted by Mark Higginbotham, Development Manager, Renfrewshire Council. The first meeting of the group was held in May 2015 when it was agreed that the purpose of the group was to come together to ensure the community planning partners and community groups work in collaboration, ensuring improved communication and information sharing takes place to help achieve the priority outcomes and impact measures of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 The community groups which are represented at the Greener Transport sub-group are: Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow Airport; SPT; University of the West of Scotland; SUSTRANS; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; West College Scotland; Scotrail; INTU Braehead; Renfrewshire Leisure Limited; Hillington Park; University of Strathclyde; and Westway. Invitations are submitted to other community representatives when appropriate to the agenda.
- 4.2 It was agreed at the meeting that the organisations which had been successful in securing pre-application support funding (PASF) from Transport Scotland for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub ERDF would meet to discuss the possibility of pooling resources and to determine if partnership working would provide a better solution for Renfrewshire.
- 4.3 A subsequent meeting was held with representation from these organisations and it was agreed that the approach be taken to carry out a joint scoping exercise to submit a bid for the ERDF funding based on a joint scope which includes everyone's individual requirements.

4.4 This approach can only progress if agreement is reached with: Transport Scotland and is acceptable to each of the individual organisations' procurement and governance arrangements.

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Appendix 1

**RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING
PARTNERSHIP MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF
GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD
GREENER TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP
HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2016
RENFREWSHIRE HOUSE, COTTON STREET,
PAISLEY**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ross Nimmo (Glasgow Airport); Gareth Evans (INTU); Louise O'Connell, Hillington Park; Jim Blythe, Renfrewshire Leisure; Katharine Brough, NHS; Roddy Yarr, University of Strathclyde; Claire Roxburgh, University of the West of Scotland; Marcelle McLaughlin, West College Scotland; Mark Higginbotham, Alastair Scott, Kate Cuthbert, Karen McIndoe, Stuart Graham, Jean Brown, all Renfrewshire Council.

APOLOGIES

Allan Dick, West College Scotland; Lucy Clarke, Sustrans; Scott Duncan LEAP; John Binning SPT; David Burnie, Colin Hunter, Elaine Lorimer, all Renfrewshire Council

1	MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING The minute of the meeting of the Greener Transport sub-group of 12 July 2016 was submitted.	Agreed
2	FEEDBACK FROM GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD OF 29 AUGUST 2016 A summary of the last Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board meeting was submitted	Noted



3	<p>LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT HUBS</p> <p>MH confirmed that the application for Pre-Application Support Funding (PASf) application to Transport Scotland, prior to the final ERDF funding application, had been successful with an award of £10K. MH confirmed that the funding will be used to appoint a consultant to refine the detail of the project and seek opportunities for the 60% match-funding which is required for a successful final submission – this will involve seeking third sector funding opportunities. MH confirmed that Clyde Muirshiel had also been successful in obtaining PASf and had been in contact with a view to working in co-operation with the Greener Transport application. KB confirmed that NHS had been successful in an application for PASf, for a project covering Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. RY also confirmed that University of Strathclyde had also been successful in an application, for LCTT projects covering Glasgow as well as their Inchinnan facility. It was noted that SPT had also received PASf funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting be set up with the organisations which had been successful in obtaining PASf funding relating to Renfrewshire to determine if partnership working would provide better results. An approach is also to be made to Transport Scotland to ensure this approach would be acceptable.</p>	MH
4.	<p>MEMBER UPDATES</p>	
4a	<p>NHS</p> <p>KB confirmed that a recent travel survey had been carried out and identified that RAH was the most popular site for staff walking to work. There are now 42 car share teams in place at RAH comprising of 93 members of staff. Neilston Development Trust had delivered training on cycling and cycle maintenance to staff.</p> <p>KB advised that IT services are to be centralised in Paisley town centre, which will provide more opportunities for greener travel with the proximity to Gilmour Street Station.</p>	
4b	<p>INTU BRAEHEAD</p> <p>GE confirmed that INTU had applied for Cycle Friendly Employer status with Cycling Scotland – discussions have been taking place with Nextbike to participate in cycle hire, even though it is outwith the Glasgow boundary (this is currently out to tender but it is anticipated that Nextbike will, again, be successful). GE confirmed that their Travel Plan is due to be refreshed in 2017, incorporating a travel survey, the results of which will be shared with the group.</p> <p>It was noted that the Fastlink project is back on the table and will include Braehead.</p>	



4c	HILLINGTON PARK LO confirmed that discussions were ongoing with Nextbike to extend into Hillington Park, with a plan for 5 new stations – 2 of which would fall within Glasgow and 3 in Renfrewshire (dependant on Nextbike winning the tender). Liftshare is being promoted amongst businesses in the park and a Liftshare Week is planned but there are difficulties due to the vast number of companies working represented the park. The findings of the Esprit Electric Vehicle consultation are to be published soon and will be shared with the group.	LO
4d	RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE JB confirmed that Bikeability training is again being rolled out this year in conjunction with Cycling Scotland and Renfrewshire Council. A co-ordinator is to be appointed and it is hoped that the number of primary schools participating will be increased from 2015/16. The Active Schools Team are establishing 'Train the Teachers' training to enable teachers to deliver the Bikeability training within their own schools. JB confirmed that mountain biking activities are carried out with secondary pupils, rather than the Bikeability training. It was noted that the Community Planning outcome to reduce the number of car journeys to school is based on the Sustrans 'Hands Up' survey which is carried out annually – the most recent results are to be shared with the group. It was noted that it would be useful to find out if schools had travel plans in place.	JBBrown JBBlythe
4e	COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP SG confirmed that a children's health and wellbeing survey is currently being carried out in schools, with the results due in January. These will be shared with the group. SG also advised that Renfrewshire Access Panel had carried out an audit of street in Paisley Town Centre and an action plan is being developed and will be brought to the group for information. SG confirmed that consideration should be given to disabled access when designs for the LCTT hubs are being agreed.	SG



4f	OUTDOOR ACCESS <p>KC confirmed that the Core Path Plan is due to be reviewed – a lot of the plan will still be about recreational access and active travel routes but it is planned to link this with walking to work routes.</p> <p>SG advised that Sustrans have been successful in recruiting volunteers to improve paths through rural walkways.</p>	
4g	RENFREWSHIRE CYCLING STRATEGY <p>The Cycling Strategy is due to be approved at Policy Board in November. It was noted that Development Control are already considering the priorities of the Strategy and external funding has already been achieved for the design phase of some of the routes within the Strategy.</p>	
4h	AIR QUALITY <p>KM confirmed that Air Quality Management Areas have now been declared in Johnstone and Renfrew, giving a total of 3 AQMAs across Renfrewshire (Paisley town centre being the other).</p> <p>A 12/18 month process will now take place to produce an action plan. KM confirmed that she will consult with the group looking for potential ideas/measures to help develop the plan. The plan will cover all of Renfrewshire but have a focus on the 3 AQMAs. It was noted that the declaration of an AQMA opens up access to certain Scottish Government funding streams.</p> <p>JB to provide KM with contact details of the group.</p>	JB
4i	WEST COLLEGE SCOTLAND <p>MM confirmed that the college is planning to apply for Cycle Friendly Status and is now in partnership with Bikestation who provide cycle training and maintenance assistance through their Dr Bike service.</p> <p>There are plans to relaunch the Liftshare scheme with 'floorwalkers' promoting the scheme throughout the campuses (it was noted that the floorwalking scheme had brought success at the airport).</p> <p>The college is also looking at ways to minimise cross-campus travel between the college sites.</p>	



4j	UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE RY was welcomed to the group. He confirmed, in his role of Assistant Director (Sustainability and Environment Management), travel planning comes within his remit. Work is ongoing to improve connectivity at the Inchinnan campus where around 200 people are based, with views to expand. The University was also successful in obtaining PASF funding for the ERDF LCTT funding with plans to improve infrastructure for electric vehicles and the creation of an electric car club.	
4k	UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND CR confirmed the university now has a total of 770 members in their Liftshare scheme. They have also rolled out Bike Buddy and Walk Buddy schemes where people can arrange to walk and cycle together. UWS are also part of the Uni-cycle Scheme which offers bike maintenance through Dr Bike and offered social cycling during freshers' week. All new students received a sustainable travel guide. The university was successful in obtaining funding from Cycle Scotland for a small cycle compound at the Paisley campus. They have also been successful in gaining funding for the appointment of a 6-month intern post to help achieve cycle friendly campus status – the intern has brought experience relating to cycling from other countries. He is to be invited to come along to the next meeting. CR confirmed the university has a further bid in for an additional electric vehicle.	
5	AOCB It was noted that a new National Transport Strategy is planned by the Scottish Government, part of which is to look at bus travel and how this is regulated.	
6	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The building was evacuated before this could be discussed. JB to send out proposed date.	JB