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Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund

Round 3 awards

Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund Round 3 awards were announced on 10 September 2020 by Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity. Ten organisations received funding.

Falkirk Council - Westfield Crossing and Active Travel Link

ERDF: £2,400,000.00

This project includes construction of a 4.2km cycle and pedestrian network between four quadrants of the A9 / A904 junction, alongside the spurs of these roads. The network will comprise a bridge (600m as part of the bridge and ramps) to deliver seamless active travel options across Falkirk. The shared paths will be suitable for easy wheelchair and cycle access.

Lochaber Environmental Group - Active Travel Fort William - Electric Bike Share Scheme

ERDF/SG funding: £470,326.50 / £67,189.50

The project proposes an ebike share scheme that will use electric bike share equipment and technology to deliver a state-of-the-art active travel system for the residents of Fort William. Comprising of 80 electric bikes and 15 docking stations for securing and charging bikes at key locations, it also uses advanced IT solutions, including GPS to track bikes, trip routing and security. A mobile app will also be developed that will allow users to unlock bikes, monitor individual bike rides and track bike locations. Of the 15 docking stations, 10 will come with charge points, while the other five virtual stations will supply bike racks for securing ebikes.

Huntly and District Development Trust - Huntly Green Travel Hub

ERDF/SG funding: £248,124.69 / £186,093.51

The project proposes to establish a new town centre location for the green travel hub, which will include hot desks, ebike maintenance services, bike servicing and sales, and a social meetup point for cyclists. A 'clean' area within the shop will offer route guides, maps, and general tourist information. The project also includes the creation of a low carbon fuelling

satellite hub to be located at Greenmyres wind farm and ecobothy. The site will install solar charging for ebikes as well as smart lockers. It also provides a recreational space with links to local forest trails and functional routes to Huntly and Inch. 10 new electric bikes will be purchased, and community bike racks will be installed in Huntly.

East Ayrshire Council - Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership Access Project

ERDF/SG funding: £611,664.80 / £214,087.28

This project is part-funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund. The project proposes to provide 49km of upgraded path, 10.5km of which will be new. The paths will be located within the Doon Valley and the Lugar Valley in East Ayrshire. There will be new sections to connect current paths, creating a new, long-distance route. The new and improved active travel route links the towns and schools of the river valleys and connects with both existing and proposed active travel hubs within each town (Ochiltree, Cumnock and Dalmellington). Interpretation boards will be installed throughout the route to explain the landscape, the landmarks and items of natural heritage interest.

Glasgow Life - Transforming Pollok Country Park

ERDF/SG funding: £969,734.00 / £594,601.00

The project proposes to deliver a low carbon travel and transport hub as well as the construction and upgrade of 2.34km of path and cycle networks. This will be delivered as part of the Transforming Pollok Country Park project, and includes an active travel management plan that runs alongside the major refurbishment of the Burrell Collection and redisplay of its collections, to deliver a new accessible and enhanced visitor experience.

Transforming Pollok Country Park includes the installation of lighting, improved wayfinding and level access on key routes, and the provision of cycle shelters at Pollok House and park entry points at Pollokshaws Road and Nether Pollok. It will also see the provision of a fleet of ebikes for park visitors and cycle hire storage/workshops, new bus stop infrastructure to support an electric shuttle service, and provision of electric vehicle charging spaces for visitors and local residents. The project aims to prioritise pedestrians and cyclists within the park while reducing private car access via a primary vehicle entry point near the Burrell Collection at Nether Pollok, and provision of a new perimeter car park.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust - Gateway to Gigha

ERDF/SG funding: £527,235.91 / £65,958.25

The project proposes to deliver construction and upgrade of path networks spanning 8km across the Isle of Gigha, interlinking sites of interest and importance. The existing active centre located adjacent to the ferry slip will act as the location for the active travel hub, with bikes and ebikes available to hire, encouraging a reduction in car-borne visitors to the island. The project will also include a newly created Island Ranger position, which aims to encourage and promote the sustainable use and protection of Gigha's landscape and assets.

Renfrewshire Council - Renfrewshire Sustainable Travel

ERDF/SG funding: £528,000.00 / £392,000.00

The project proposes to link existing and planned active sustainable travel projects and low carbon transport hubs in Paisley and Renfrewshire. The project contains three core elements all designed to make active travel a viable and higher quality experience. Firstly, a cycle route via Causeyside Street linking Canal Street rail station (National Cycle Route 7), Paisley Gilmour Street rail station, Renfrew town centre and the Glasgow Investment Area. This is linked into the second element, which is an electric vehicle charging hub to be located at Stow Brea Council Park, and which will serve Canal Street rail station and National Cycle Network 7. Lastly, improvements to the Paisley town centre gateway junctions are planned. These enhancements will be in four locations including Causeyside Street and Canal Street.

Aberdeenshire Council - Portlethen Integrated Travel Town

ERDF/SG funding: £112,000.00 / £68,000.00

The project will see the creation of three new shared use paths, which will be achieved by a combination of widening existing footpaths (totalling 2.14km) that are currently not suitable for shared use, as well as building new paths. The first shared use path between Cookstone and Portlethen Primary School aims to improve access to the school and encourage walking and cycling while bettering local air quality. The second path, Muirend Road to Badentoy, will support better access between the industrial estate, the town centre and the railway station. The final path is be another shared use path linking Muirend Road to Cookstone Road, which aims to create a higher quality provision for both pedestrians and cyclists, as well as reduce the need for car trips to the retail estate.

Moray Council - Speyside Low Carbon Hub - Path Upgrade Carron to Cragganmore

ERDF/SG funding: £560,000.00 / £75,000.00

The project proposes to extend the upgrading of the Speyside Way to the southwest as far as Cragganmore, connecting additional businesses and residents to the main settlements in Speyside. The path upgrade will make it fit for purpose all year round for both walking and cycling, and will provide a safe direct route linking communities away from the busy A95 trunk road. This would enable a larger number of small settlements and businesses to connect to the existing upgraded path. Cycle counters will be installed on the upgraded Speyside Way to provide data for monitoring, evaluation and communication and marketing.

North Ayrshire Council - Ardrossan Low Carbon Hub

ERDF/SG funding: £784,000.00 / £588,000.00

The project proposes to create a low carbon travel and transport hub across two locations in Ardrossan. The first hub at Ardrossan Harbour will include electric vehicle chargers (two rapid and two fast chargers for a total of eight bays) and electric bike charging stations, cycle parking, active travel information and signage, resting points and bike maintenance facilities.

Similar to the first, the satellite hub at the nearby North Shore site will include electric vehicle and electric bike charging stations, cycle parking for commuter journeys, public bike pumps and tools, active travel information and signage, public transport information and signage and resting points. The 1.3km path will then connect the two sites to the town centre, constructing missing links and creating a more connected network for the town.