



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 5

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Report by Executive Director of Regeneration and Economy

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Shawlands Town Centre Action Plan: Acceptance Sustrans Grant Funding for active travel

Purpose of Report:

To advise Committee of the offer of £120,000 of capital grant funding from Sustrans to Glasgow City Council for works to Langside Hall Square as part of Shawlands Town Centre Action Plan and to further seek approval from Committee to accept this funding.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee:

- a) Notes the contents of this report; and
- b) Approves acceptance of £120,000 capital funding from Sustrans for works to Langside Hall Square.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Background

- 1.1 On 31 May 2012, the Executive Committee approved a capital allocation of £3.3m to Shawlands Town Centre Action Plan (STCAP). Delivered through Development and Regeneration Services this has enabled a range of environmental and public realm improvements across the town centre alongside other complementary initiatives to reinvigorate the area, support businesses and help attract further customers. The majority of spend on the programme is on public realm, place-making and other environmental improvements.
- 1.2 Works to the public realm have been brought forward under three phases. The first at Kilmarnock Road was completed in April 2014 in advance of the Commonwealth Games, while the second phase, covering the remainder of Kilmarnock Road, Pollokshaws Road, Skirving Street and Minard Road, was completed in March 2017.
- 1.3 The third phase of the works creates a new civic square in front of Langside Hall. This proposal was the subject of an extensive consultation process and design workshops with the local community. This involved over 400 local residents and local businesses which helped to inform the final detailed design for delivery of the space. The works encompassed high quality paving, new cycling provision, market space, a performance platform and lighting improvements. Planning consent for the works was granted in May 2016.

2. Funding

- 2.1 In seeking to meet the aspirations of the community to improve active travel connections between the new civic space and Queen's Park, a new route was introduced along with associated cycle infrastructure, to improve access from Shawlands Town Centre to the Park. In order to meet the resulting increased project costs, an application was made to Sustrans Community Links fund in 2017 for these works which resulted in a grant offer of £120,000 from Sustrans. This funding provides additionality for improved connectivity within the new Square and to the Park in accordance with the City Development Plan's outcomes of Connected Place, Sustainable Place and a Green Place.
- 2.2 Following tender award in December 2017, work commenced on site on 9 April 2018. Sustrans have confirmed their approval of the works carried out in relation to the elements of the project covered by their grant offer. The overall project works are scheduled to complete in December 2018.
- 2.3 On seeking further advice, DRS officers were advised that Committee authority should have been sought to approve the drawdown of funding from Sustrans. As such Committee authority is being sought retrospectively in this instance to allow drawdown of funding to proceed.

3.0 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: This will provide additional funding of £120,000 to be spent by December 2018.

Legal: GCC Legal Services has conducted due diligence prior to signing of the award letter.

Personnel: No direct personnel issues

Procurement: Works have been procured according to Council Standing Orders

Council Strategic Plan: The project supports the following themes:

- A Healthier City
- A Sustainable and Low Carbon City

And the following priorities:

- No 55 - prioritise sustainable transport across the city
- No 65 - build high quality, inclusive travel infrastructure

Equality Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

The project will help deliver **Outcome 9** by improving opportunities for physical activity. The Sustrans funding also helped secure the delivery of the wider Civic Square project and thus the broader outcomes of improved access to Langside Hall, new civic space and active travel connectivity.

The project will help deliver **Outcome 10** by providing a safe, integrated space for transport choices.

The project will help promote **Outcome 11** by fostering greater integration and connectivity between culturally diverse communities around the Queen's Park area.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The completion of works which this funding enables will improve accessibility to and through the Square for all users.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: Promotion of sustainable transport and active travel

Social: Encouragement of cycling for commuting and leisure, and provision of a socially inclusive environment

Economic: The development of a new Civic space will encourage footfall and activity in the town centre with associated increased spend assisting in the wider town centre regeneration.

Health Impacts: The resulting accessible pedestrian and cycling environment will encourage active travel with resulting health benefits.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts: None

4 Recommendations

- a) It is recommended that Committee approves acceptance of £120,000 capital funding from Sustrans for works to Langside Hall Square; and
- b) Notes the contents of this report.