

Title of Report: Leading the Way Initiative	Officer Presenting: Head of Environment Author: Head of Environment
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members with regards to additional funding received from the Public Health Authority (PHA) with regard to the Leading the Way initiative and to seek Member approval to reappoint Sustrans as the delivery partner for the project.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that Council, the Public Health Authority and Western Health and Social Services Trust have come together to form a partnership aimed at encouraging staff within each of their respective organisations to engage and participate in an Active Travel Programme.
- 2.2 This programme aims to make a strategic intervention to promote active travel using the power of the public sector. The programme will be driven by a Strategic Partnership (SP) through a three year engagement with the three sponsoring partner organisations of the SP, namely PHA, Derry City and Strabane District Council and WHSCT.
- 2.3 Whilst the initial three year partnership arrangement has recently concluded the PHA have advised that they have secured funding to continue the project for an additional year.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 As detailed above the PHA have provided additional funding of £57k to enable the project to continue for one additional year.
- 3.2 Sustrans had previously been appointed as the delivery partner for the programme following a procurement exercise.
- 3.3 Following discussion with the Procurement Manager it was agreed, subject to member approval, that in order to ensure the continued success of the project, take account of the funding period, that a Single Tender Action procurement exercise would be undertaken in respect of Sustrans.

- 3.4 Sustrans were subsequently invited to submit a proposal for project managing the scheme for one further year outlining costs, programme activities etc. This proposal was subsequently evaluated against their previous submission with officers able to negotiate down the rates / costs as previously submitted by Sustrans. In each of the previous years Sustrans had provided the programme at a cost of £59,330.00 pa but have agreed to provide the same programme for the final year at a cost of £57k

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 The PHA have provided funding to Council in the sum of £57,000.00 to continue with the project for one further year and therefore there are no additional financial asks of Council with regard to this project.
- 4.2 There are no other Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs or other Implications associated with this item.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members endorse the reappointment of Sustrans to continue with the Leading The Way programme for one further year in the sum of £57,000.00 through funding secured from the Public Health Authority.

Background Papers