

## **EX147. COMMUNITY LINKS AND SMARTER MEASURES FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on bids made for funding Sustrans, Transport Scotland and Cycling Scotland.

Council had been invited to bid for funding from Sustrans Community Links funding stream for projects aimed at enhancing pathways in 2015/16. Four bids were made for 2015/16 and were set out in the report. Should the funding be awarded match funding would be required to progress the projects further.

In addition, bids were made to Transport Scotland for measures which promote and encourage sustainable travel, and to Cycling Scotland for projects to encourage cycling in schools.

### **Decision**

#### **The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to approve bids and acceptance of grants from the bodies listed within the report and, following notification of successful applications, authorise officers to seek match funding from appropriate sources;**
- (2) that, if any of the bids to Sustrans are unsuccessful, officers be authorised to continue with these projects, as approved resources allow, including seeking match funding;**
- (3) that, subject to the Chief Finance Officer being satisfied that funds for acquisition are available, the Director of Development Services and the Chief Governance Officer be authorised to enter into negotiations and thereafter conclude a bargain for the acquisition of land or rights of access necessary for the projects listed in the report (irrespective of success in the current round of bidding), with each of the transactions being at a purchase price considered satisfactory to the Director of Development Services; and**
- (4) in principle, the outcome of negotiations for access agreements which are to be concluded for Carronshore Bridge, Bo'ness to Blackness Phase 3 and Victoria Park.**