

# EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 29 MAY 2008

**Decision Ref No:**

EX.128/08

**Subject Matter:**

## KINGMOOR AND CALDEW CYCLEWAY

The Director of Community Services reported (CS 32/08) that the Council had been successful in achieving a provisional allocation of £950,000 from Sustrans for the construction of a cycleway between Kingmoor and Currock. Officers had now met representatives of Sustrans to discuss actions which Sustrans would wish to see implemented and, following on from that meeting, a further meeting had been held with the Northern Director of Sustrans to clarify requirements. The Director informed Members that Sustrans required a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the City Council and the County Council to set out details of the actions which it was intended should be delivered over the next five years and that, on signing of the Memorandum, Sustrans would release the funding of £950,000. The City and County Councils would then have to use their best endeavours to deliver the agreed scheme over a period of five years. The Director added, however, that if Sustrans considered that the Councils were not making their best endeavours to identify funding that they could seek to recover some of the contribution.

The Director further added that the City and County Councils had been working jointly to develop a Movement Strategy for Carlisle as part of Carlisle Renaissance and this Scheme had been accepted by the Highways Working Group as a high priority Infrastructure Scheme. He suggested that the route would provide a vital link for University students on the proposed Caldew riverside site, for school students in the St Aidan's area and for workers accessing the City and also the employment sites at Kingmoor.

The Director set out for Members the line of the latest route and added that it was a requirement of Sustrans that a Steering Group should be formed to ensure that there was good public involvement in the scheme and to ensure that a wide range of interest groups are engaged.

The Director further added that the costs which had been provided were indicative costs but that the route included two major crossings of the River Eden and a railway and those elements of the Scheme had not yet been costed in detail. It was therefore possible that the costs which had been reported could be increased.

Members in considering the report expressed some concerns with regard to the overall funding of the Scheme and the possibility of the City and County Council being liable in the future for any refund of the whole or part of the contribution from Sustrans.

**Decision:**

That the Executive

(i) agree specifically to the core route and to the wider potential links, as shown on the plan attached to report CS 32/08 on the basis of the scheme to be delivered.

(ii) note the initial estimated costs, as set out in Appendix A of the above report.

(iii) agree to the setting up of a Steering Group on the basis set out in the report in order to assist with the progressing of the project.

(iv) agree (subject to paragraph (v) below) to the signing of a Memorandum of

# EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 29 MAY 2008

Understanding with Sustrans which will set out details of the scheme to be delivered in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Head of Legal Services.

(v) that the Memorandum of Understanding be drafted to include a Clause that the City Council would not be liable to repay any grant in respect of any difficulties which the Council experienced in achieving the gap funding as Itemised in the Director of Community Services Report CS.32/08.

**Key or Non-Key Decision:**

Key

**Key Decision Ref:**

KD.029/08

**Portfolio:**

Environment and Infrastructure

**Who made decision:**

Executive

**Date:**

29-May-08

**Reports and Background Papers considered:**

Report of the Director of Community Services CS 32/08 - Progress Report Kingmoor/Caldew Cycleway.

**Reasons for Decision:**

The project has the potential to make a major contribution to the Carlisle Renaissance Movement Strategy and provide a network for cleaner and greener movement choices for the community. Sustrans are under pressure from the Lottery Fund to progress schemes and are therefore keen that the City Council and the County Council progress the Carlisle scheme.

**Summary of Options rejected:**

None

**Interests declared**

None

**Date published**

02-Jun-08

**Urgent decision not subject to call in**

No

**Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:**

Not applicable

**Deadline for call-in:**

09-Jun-08 at 1700

**Implementation date if not called-in:**

10-Jun-08

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Infrastructure

**Call-in notified to and date notified:**

**Approved for implementation on:**