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1 March 2022

To:- **Councillors Henderson, Cochrane, Cullen, Dettbarn, Grant, McGinley and Saxton.**

All other Members for INFORMATION ONLY

Dear Councillor

LEADERSHIP PANEL

You are requested to participate in the above meeting of the above Panel to be held on **Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

The meeting will be held remotely, the meeting will also be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>.

Yours sincerely

CATRIONA CAVES
Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

B U S I N E S S

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. Minutes of previous meetings of:-
 - (a) 15 February 2022; and
 - (b) 1 March 2022 (Special)(copies herewith).
3. Decision Log -
 - (a) Overdue Actions– for approval;
 - (b) Actions Listed with Revised Dates – for noting, none since the previous meeting; and
 - (c) Recently Completed Actions(copies herewith).

4. Resource and Performance/Economy and Culture
 - (a) New Leisure Centre – Submit report by the Assisant Director - Place (copy herewith).

5. Resource and Performance/Environment
 - (a) Strategic Review of Assets held in the Common Good Funds – Submit report by the Assistant Director - Place (copy herewith).

6. Environment/Resource and Performance/Housing and Community Wellbeing
 - (a) Sale of Land at Queens Terrace, Maybole - Submit report by the Assistant Director –Place (copy herewith)

7. Environment
 - (a) Roads Improvement Plan 2022-2023 – Submit report by the Director – Place (copy herewith)
 - (b) South Ayrshire Council’s Active Travel Strategy – Submit report by the Director –Place (copy herewith)

8. Adults’ Health and Social Care/Environment/Housing and Community Wellbeing
 - (a) Services to Gypsy/Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments – Submit Report by the Assistant Director – Place (copy herewith)

9. Environment/Resource and Performance
 - (a) **Proposed Lease to ‘Vics in the Community’ for Whitletts Football Pitch and Whitletts Sports Pavilion - Submit report by the Assisant Director – Place (Members only).**
 - (b) **Sale of 15-17 Sandgate, Ayr – Submit report by the Assistant Director – Place (Members only).**
 - (c) **Sale of Dam park and lease at Millbrae, Ayr – Submit report by the Assistant Director – Place (Members only).**
 - (d) **Building Standards Resourcing Arrangements – Submit report by the Assistant Director – Place (Members only).**

10. Environment/ Resources and Performance/Economy and Culture
 - (a) **Review of Sport and Leisure and Destination Promotion and Inclusive Participation – Submit report by the Assisant Director – People (Members only).**

11. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.

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LEADERSHIP PANEL

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 15 February 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Chris Cullen, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Also

Present: Rev D. Gemmell, E. Terras and T. Robinson (for items 4 and 5 only).

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; T. Eltringham, Director of Health and Social Care; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; C. Iles, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards; T. Leijser, Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration; T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer; P. Bradley, Service Lead – Professional Design Service; G. Cockburn, Service Lead – Education Support Services; A. Valenti, Quality Improvement Manager; N. Gemmell, Service Lead – Revenues and Benefits; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; B. Macdonnell, Manager, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; J. Tait, Service Lead – CLD and Employability and Skills; S. Mulholland, Quality Improvement Manager; D. Clelland, Maybole Regeneration Lead Officer; R. Kingisepp, Capital Planning Co-ordinator; M. Douglas, Team Leader – Licensing; S. McMillan, Project Implementation Officer; R. Jamieson, Team Leader - Community Asset Transfer; Alison Nelson, Co-ordinator – Democratic Services; F. Maher, Temp Committee Clerk; C. Buchanan, Committee Clerk Co; and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

1. **Opening Remarks.**

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

2. **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. **Minutes of previous meetings.**

The minutes of 18 January 2022 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. **Decision Log.**

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the overdue action;

- (2) to approve the actions listed with revised due dates; and
- (2) to note the recently completed actions.

Children and Young People

5. **Follow Through Inspection of Braehead Primary School and Early Years Centre (EYC): Education Scotland**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Quality Improvement Manager informing the Panel of the Education Scotland follow through letter regarding the inspection of Braehead Primary School and EYC.

Having considered the contents of the letter of the follow through inspection by Education Scotland, and commendable work being done by the Head Teacher and Management Team within the school the Panel

Decided: to agree that the Head Teacher would prepare a plan and address the key areas for improvement identified in the letter.

Children and Young People/Resources and Performance/Corporate

6. **2022 Scottish Child Payment – Bridging Payments**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People providing the Panel with information relating to the Scottish Government’s Child Payment ‘Bridging Payments’ scheduled for 2022; and requesting approval for the use of additional flexible funding, recently allocated to the Council from the Scottish Government, to offer these payments to a wider group of young people.

Having considered the proposal for use of the Council’s £533,000.00 allocation from the Scottish Government’s recently announced £25 million, flexible funding to tackle financial insecurity, the Panel

Decided: approved the use of this funding to support the payment of four Child Payment ‘Bridging Payments’ to a wider group of young people in 2022.

Economy and Culture

7. **Ayrshire Growth Deal Aerospace and Space Programme**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Director - Place providing an update on the South Ayrshire Council portfolio of projects (Aerospace and Space) within the Ayrshire Growth Deal (AGD).

The Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration provided the Panel with an informed overview of the progress made to date on Ayrshire Growth Deal and associated projects.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the development of the Aerospace and Space Projects within the Ayrshire Growth Deal and the next steps in the development of the programme;
- (2) to note the financial plan and impact on the Council until full business cases were approved;
- (3) to note the preferred delivery approach for the Prestwick Commercial Build Project; and
- (4) to request that an update be provided to the Leadership Panel in 6 months.

Environment

8. Motorhome Parking Scheme 2022

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Director – Place providing the Panel with the outcome of the trial scheme for motorhome parking undertaken in 2021; and seeking approval for the recommendations in relation to future scheme development.

Having heard further from the Head of Roads on the outcome of the trial schemes and the proposals for further trials one Member asked if the more rural areas of the Council could be considered for a trial, the Head of Roads agreed to consider this. After discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the Head of Roads' intention to commence the statutory process for the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order for permanent motorhome parking facilities at the Esplanade Car Park, Ayr, and the Knockcushan Street Car Park, Girvan;
- (2) to approve the installation of permanent motorhome parking facilities including a barrier control system at the Esplanade Car Park, Ayr pending the successful making of said Order with a request for costs to be met from the Repairs and Renewals Fund;
- (3) to approve the reintroduction of temporary arrangements at the Esplanade Car Park, Ayr and the Knockcushan Street Car Park, Girvan throughout the entire year (including the 2022 summer season) along with proposals to undertake a further trial scheme at North Shore Road, Troon, Links Road Car Park, Prestwick, and Foreland Car Park Ballantrae; and with a request that costs be met from the Repairs and Renewals Fund; and
- (4) to agree to consider the findings and recommendations of this further trial scheme at a future Panel meeting.

Environment/Resource and Performance

9. Seafield Tennis Courts

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place presenting the proposed Community Asset Transfer of ownership of the asset known as Seafield Tennis Courts to Ayr Lawn Tennis Club (ALTC).

The Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer provided the Panel with the background to the proposed transfer of ownership. The Panel commended the report particularly in developing the sport via the Active Schools programme and the creation of disability access for wheelchair users, after consideration the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the asset transfer of ownership of Seafield Tennis Courts as shown in Appendix 1 of the report, under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 to Ayr Lawn Tennis Club SCIO for the sum of £4,500 (four thousand, five hundred pounds) sterling for the reasons detailed in Appendix 2 and subject to the conditions as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report;
- (2) that, should the asset transfer summarised in 2.1.1 be approved, to approve an award of £60,000 (sixty thousand pounds) of funding from the Advancing Community Assets Fund subject to the conditions detailed in Appendices 4 and 7 of the report;
- (3) to note that, if the applicants wished to proceed with the acquisition, they had a period of 6 months from the date of the decision notice within which to submit to the Council an offer to acquire the property; and
- (4) to request that the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services conclude the sale, in accordance with the recommendations of the report, in the event of an offer being received.

Corporate/Resources and Performance

10. The South Ayrshire Way Strategic Change Programme – Preparing for the Future

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing the Panel with an update regarding the South Ayrshire Way Strategic Change Programme. The Project Implementation Co-ordinator updated the Panel on the progress made in relation to the recommendations contained within the Best Value Audit.

Members commended the report and after discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made by Officers in progressing delivery of the projects within the Change Programme and progress with benefits and planning;
- (2) to note the progress made by Officers in relation to responding to the recommendations in the recent Best Value Audit and supporting the Council's recovery and transformation; and

- (3) to request a further update to Leadership Panel in June 2022 including benefits proposals for all change projects.

11. **Maybole Regeneration Project – Proposed Re-allocation of Council Capital Contribution**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People seeking approval to partially re-allocate the £1m of Council capital contribution more evenly across the Maybole Regeneration Project Schemes.

Having noted the request to extend the Regeneration Project to 31 March 2025 due to delays experience by the Covid-19 pandemic a Member asked if the refurbishment of the Town Hall would meet timescales, the Lead Project Officer advised that it was anticipated that the key projects would meet the proposed timescales and work would commence on the Town Hall after the Local Government Elections in May 2022.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to agree to redistribute the Council capital contribution of £1m as set out in Appendix 1, Part 1;
- (2) to approve a £50,000 development grant budget as explained in Section 4 of the report; and
- (3) to support the request of an extension of up to twelve months to the Maybole Regeneration Project to 31 March 2025 as a result of delays experienced by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Housing and Community Wellbeing

12. **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services requesting that the Panel consider amending the implementation date for the Sexual Entertainment Venue (SEV) licensing regime.

The Panel acknowledged that it was important to license sexual entertainment venues to aid in protecting those working in said premises. The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the resolution to introduce a licensing regime for Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) agreed by the Leadership Panel on 18 February 2020; and
- (2) to amend the date of implementation of this licensing regime to 1 March 2023.

Resources and Performance

13. Budget Management – Revenue Budgetary Control 2021/22 – Position at 31 December 2021

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT presenting the Panel with a financial overview of the General Services Revenue account, Housing Revenue account and Common Good accounts for 2021/22 as at 31 December 2021.

After discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the revised Directorate budgets following the budget movements outlined in 3.3 of the report and to note that the impact of Covid-19 had been included in the projections;
- (2) to approve the return of funding relating to funding previously allocated to Directorates for Covid-19 loss of income/additional expenditure to Covid-19 reserves, as noted in 4.1.7 and 4.1.8 of the report;
- (3) to approve the budget transfers as outlined in the Directorate financial performance reports at Appendix 1 and summarised in 4.1.9 of the report;
- (4) to approve the requested earmarking of resources to be carried forward to 2022/23 as summarised in 4.1.10 of the report; and
- (5) to otherwise note the projected in year under-spend of £4.454m after earmarking and inclusive of the latest Covid-19 cost implications.

14. General Services Capital Programme 2021/22: Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2021

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place updating the Panel on the actual capital expenditure and income, together with progress made on the General Services capital programme projects as at 31 December 2021 (period 9); and seeking agreement of the changes to budgets in 2021/22 and future years.

After discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the General Services Capital Programme to 31 December 2021, resulting in spend of £45,490,609 or 61.28% as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to approve the adjustments contained in Appendix 2 of the report, leading to a revised budget of £65,951,864 in 2021/22, £128,119,576 in 2022/23 and £78,070,030 in 2023/24;
- (3) to approve the reclassification of £2.768m of income currently shown as Government Grant in relation to the Ayrshire Growth Deal as borrowing; and

- (4) to note the ongoing disruption to supply chains and labour due to Covid-19 and Brexit and the potential for further changes to forecasted expenditure.

Resource and Performance/Economy and Culture

15. Proposed Management Arrangements for Community and Village Halls

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People providing an update and seeking approval for officers to continue progressing the recommendations around the management arrangements for community centres and village halls with community associations and community groups.

A Member sought clarify on the Ivy Cottage and The Men’s Cabin, Troon, the Service Lead – CLD and Employability and Skills advised that the Ivy Cottage Committee had taken up the lease and that in relation to The Men’s Cabin Officers had met with representatives in November 2021 and would be meeting with them again in March 2022. The Service Lead – CLD and Employability and Skills agreed to update Members accordingly.

Decided:

- (1) to approve the recommended approaches outlined in Appendix 1 of the report (and specifically those outlined in para 4.1 of the report); and
- (2) to request that a report providing an update on any changes to management arrangements be brought back to Panel in February 2023.

Resource and Performance/Housing and Community Wellbeing

16. Housing Capital Programme 2021/22: Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2021

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place updating the Panel on the actual capital expenditure and income, together with progress made on the Housing Capital Programme projects as at 31 December 2021 (period 9) and seeing agreement of the changes to budgets in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

After discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made on the delivery of the Housing Capital Programme to 31 December 2021, resulting in spend of £17,576,449 or 53.48% as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) to approve the adjustments contained in Appendix 2 of the report, leading to a revised budget of £23,898,653 for 2021/22, £64,208,128 for 2022/23 and £35,387,305 for 2023/24; and
- (3) to note ongoing disruption to supply chains and labour due to Covid-19 and Brexit and the potential for further changes to forecasted expenditure.

Resource and Performance/Environment**17. Proposed Lease for Changing Pavilion at Victory Park, Girvan**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing the Panel with an update on the results of the consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed lease; and seeking approval of the next steps.

The Panel commended the work Girvan Youth Football Club were doing to develop the sport in the area and after further discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to the note representations which had been received to the consultation which had been carried out in terms of Section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and Section 27(2A) of the Town and County Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 for the new lease to Girvan Youth Football Club of the changing pavilion and adjacent land being part of the Common Good land at Victory Park, Girvan;
- (2) having considered and agreed the responses to the representations received, to approve publication of the responses on the Council's website and the notification of those who made representation to the consultation;
- (3) having regard to those presentations, and subject to court authority for disposal being obtained under paragraph 2.1.4, to agree to proceed with the proposed new lease to Girvan Youth Football Club for the pavilion and adjacent land shown in Appendix 1 on the basis of the terms and conditions outlined in the report; and
- (4) to authorise the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Service to petition the Sheriff Court under Section 75(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 for authority to dispose of the changing pavilion and adjacent land by way of a new lease to Girvan Youth Football Club.

18. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 1, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Corporate/Resources and Performance/Environment**19. Station Hotel Update**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place

- (1) updating the Panel on the Council's activities in discharge of its duties under Sections 29 and 30 of Building (Scotland) Act 2003 Dangerous Buildings Scotland Act in relation to the Station Hotel, Ayr;

- (2) seeking approval
 - (a) for the continuation of the arrangement currently in place to make the building safe until a further report was brought back to Leadership Panel with recommendations on permanent safety works; and
 - (b) to implement stakeholder engagement recommendations made within this report including the appointment of an officer to resume the position of Chair of the Strategic Governance Group.

After discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the costs incurred by South Ayrshire Council up until 30 April 2022 in making the building safe under its statutory obligations, as outlined in the Addendum;
- (2) to approve an extension of the Council's funding as outlined in the Addendum to the report to meet those statutory obligations in making the building safe (currently in place until 30 April 2022) until 31 December 2022;
- (3) to agree that a further report would be brought forward by 31 August 2022 to outline the cost of implementing permanent safety works and detailing the nature of those works;
- (4) to approve the appointment of a consultant to advise the Council on the required work to make the building permanently safe and approve £25,000 from uncommitted reserves to fund the work;
- (5) to agree that the Council resume the role of Chair of the Station Hotel Strategic Governance Group and approves the Director – Place assume the position of Chair;
- (6) to note that the work on an 'Option Review and Executive Summary' for the Station Hotel by the Strategic Stakeholder Group as referenced in the report to Leadership Panel on 28 April 2021 had not been concluded; and
- (7) to note that clarity and agreement would be sought from stakeholders on the commitment to continue to contribute to the funding of safety works past 30 April 2022 and on their aspirations for the Ayr Rail Hub as outlined in the Addendum to the report.

Resources and Performance

20. Service Review Phase 2 – Benefits Service

There was submitted a report (issued) on 8 February 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT seeking approval of Phase 2 of the review of the Benefits Service within the Revenues and Benefits Service.

The Service Lead – Revenues and Benefits provided a verbal overview of the report and after discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve Phase 2 of the Service Review of Benefit Services (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) and associated Addendum to the report; and
- (2) to request that the Service Lead – Revenues and Benefits now completes implementation of the review.

21. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.

- (1) Station Hotel Update

Decided: that the report should remain exempt by virtue of Paragraph 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

- (2) Service Review Phase 2 – Benefits Service

Decided: to authorise under Standing Order 32.4 disclosure of the report once personal information had been redacted in accordance with GDPR requirements.

The meeting ended at 12:05 p.m.

LEADERSHIP PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 1 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Chris Cullen, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; D. Gillies, Director - Place; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; W. Wesson, Service Lead – HR & Payroll, Employee Services; D. Alexander, Service Lead, Procurement; K. Dalrymple, Service Lead, Neighbourhood Services; G. Farrell, Service Lead – Organisational Development and Customer Services; T. Leijser, Service Lead – Economy and Regeneration; L. Kerr, Coordinator – Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation; D. Parker, Corporate Parenting Lead Officer; M. Inglis, Head of Children’s Health; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; G. Senior, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; F. Maher, Committee Services Officer; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

Opening Remarks

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that the meeting was being broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors’ Code of Conduct.

Corporate/Economy and Culture

2(a). Community Wealth Building Action Plan

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February by the Director – Place updating the Panel on the Community Wealth Building (CWB) activity and workplan.

Following discussion regarding local Members involvement, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress made through the Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) and approve the CWB workplan; and
- (2) to approve the MOWG recommendation that an Annual Progress Report be considered by the Service and Performance Panel as part of the supporting the local economy review.

Resource and Performance

3(a). Local Procurement Policy Statement - Update

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by Assistant Director – Place providing Members with an update on the Local Procurement Policy Statement approved at Leadership Panel in March 2021 and seeking approval on further proposals to improve focus on local suppliers.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to consider the progress made regarding the Local Procurement Policy Statement as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the changes to the Council's Procurement Journey Guidance as outlined in Section 4.1 to 4.4 of the report.

Children and Young People

4(a). South Ayrshire's Proposal to Support Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services updating Members in relation to the previous proposal on 22 November 2021 in relation to receiving Unaccompanied and Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) to South Ayrshire.

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress that has been made to date in relation to the activity that had taken place surrounding the identification of foster carers for unaccompanied and asylum-seeking children and the provision of support for young people, where applicable from 16-17 years of age, within Housing Support Services;
- (2) to note the change in the National Transfer Scheme and the mandating now applicable to the Local Authority; and
- (3) to note the Short Life Working Group now operated as a Settlement Hub when UASC were identified to come to South Ayrshire and the creation of a Strategic Oversight Group; and .
- (4) to request that further updates are provided via the Members' Bulletin

4(b). South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Children's Health Care and Justice Services updating Members on South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise covering the period 2021 to 2030.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the publication of South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to offer commitment to progressing the actions within the Parenting Promise Action Plan.

Economy and Culture

5(a). Tourism and Events Strategy

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People updating Members on the progress made with the implementation of the Interim Strategic Approach to Tourism and Events and to seek approval for the Tourism and Events Strategy.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to consider the progress made by Officers in the implementation of the Interim Strategic Approach to Tourism and Events as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the Tourism and Events Strategy as attached in Appendix 2 of the report.

Environment

6(a). Waste Strategy 2021-2031 Progress Report

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing Members with the annual review of the progress made in delivering the South Ayrshire Council Waste Strategy 2021 to 2031.

The Panel

Decided: to consider the annual review of the South Ayrshire Council Waste Strategy 2021 to 2031 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and agreed to an annual review of the strategy be submitted to the Service and Performance Panel.

6(b). South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 the Director – Place seeking Members' approval of an Active Travel Strategy for South Ayrshire Council, following a three month consultation draft process.

The Panel

Decided: to defer the item to the Leadership Panel on 8 March 2022.

Corporate/Resource and Performance

7(a). Future Operating Model

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – People updating Members on the progress to develop proposals for our Future Operating Model and seeking approval to implement new workstyles; implement supporting employee policies and procedures; and to continue to pilot the reintroduction of fact to face customer services by appointment.

The Panel

Decided: to defer the item to the Leadership Panel on 8 March 2022.

The meeting ended at 11:01 p.m.

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Agenda Item No 3(a)

| Mtg | Mtg Date | Title of Report | Directorate | Managed by | Implementation | Complete | Current Due Date | Original Due Date(s) [Revised following consultation with PFH] | Notes (<i>any date changes agreed with relevant PFH(s)</i>) |
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| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Developer Contribution Governance and Reporting Arrangements | PLA | Craig Iles | Implement new governance and management arrangements for development contributions | No | 31-Jan-22 | | The procedures detailed within the Report have been implemented, with a 6 monthly update Report being presented to the Leadership Panel in June. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | ICT Data Centre – Hosting and Delivery Model | CEO | Kevin Mullen | Business Engagement on DR is in progress and ongoing. | No | Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 09-Feb-21 | ICT Strategy 2021-2022 | CEO | Tim Baulk | report regularly to LP on both progress against the ICT Strategy and on any strategic issues which arise from the implementation of that strategy - <i>addit to rec in report</i> | No | 28-Feb-22 | | An annual update will be provided to LP in due course |
| LP | 30-Nov-21 | Thriving Places and Place Based Investment | PLA | Kevin Carr/ Louise Reid / | Draft place plans for areas set out in section 3 | No | 28-Feb-22 | | Draft place plans have been completed with final community consultation on the drafts scheduled to be completed in early March |

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| | | Programme Update | | Mike Newall / Jane Bradley | | | | | |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Proposed Resolution to Title Issues at Bridge Street, Girvan | PLA | Tom Burns | Briefing Note to Members on the process and the associated costs and resources required to produce detailed title reports on ground owned by the Council as identified by the Director of Place - <i>addit to rec in report</i> | No | 28-Feb-22 | Legal agreements are in the process of being concluded | Discussions with Legal Services required to establish timescales, costs and resources required to undertake this work. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | ICT Data Centre – Hosting and Delivery Model | CEO | Tim Baulk | Business Engagement - DR | No | Feb-22 | | Engagement process commenced. |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Station hotel Update | PLA | Craig Iles | Appoint consultant to work with the Council to advise on permanent safety works and quantify costs. | No. | 28-Feb-22 | | |

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| LP | 15-Jun-21 | Children and Families Transformation Proposals Update | HSCP | Mark Inglis | Signs of Safety | No | 01-Mar-22 | 01-Aug-21 | <p>02/07/21 - As stated in the Leadership Panel Paper “Children and Families Transformation Proposals Update – 15th June 2021” despite Covid and its impact upon the training and implementation of the Signs of Safety, there has yet been significant progress with full days multi agency training, an audit of 120 case files, survey of children and parents and a full review of the current Health and Social Care Partnership processes to ensure that they are aligned to the signs of safety approach. Signs of Safety is currently being implemented as of 2021 and will be used as an approach from January 2022, with the 6 months till July 2022 used to embed and streamline the process. Audit activity will be undertaken throughout the year and feedback after full year around December 2022.</p> <p>06/09/21 - Signs of Safety Approach draws on solution-focused therapy and the direct experience of effective practice by child protection social workers and the experiences of families within the child protection system. We have engaged a licenced trainer and consultant to help us implement the approach across the service. Despite some setback due to Covid restrictions, we have been progressing a number of tasks during the last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Board was convened and has had two meetings with a further due scheduled for January 2022. • The implementation plan was developed with a list of actions and this continues to be updated as required. • Practice case #1 is concluded and a further practice case #2 has commenced with different professionals involved. These practice cases allow social workers to test out the process and creates champions to assist with full implementation. • Baseline audit first stage has been completed with 120 cases being audited. The surveys for the parents of these cases have been conducted by staff and the survey for |
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children was undertaken by Champions Board. All this data is with the Consultant who will put together as a report of our baseline. This report will be available by October 2021.

- Staff surveys have begun, with leadership team already completed and all other staff doing so during training sessions. All this information will then be analysed for a report which will be available to the Implementation Board in January 2022. This report alongside the baseline audit report, will form our baseline information to be used as comparison for future audits, to allow us to ascertain the effectiveness of the approach.

- Process mapping is completed for the Initial Response Team and Locality Teams. Next stage will be to process map the other areas of the service and align with Carefirst processes.

- A working group has been established to review templates starting with CP1, Child's Assessment & Plan and initial referral form. This includes streamlining and ensuring language is appropriate to Signs of Safety approach. These templates will be available for those completing the next training sessions.

- A lead person has been identified to begin a communication strategy and is working with CPC subgroup and HSCP Communication Officer.

- Training dates had been set for 2-day inputs, beginning 4th May till mid-June and 4-day inputs scheduled for September and October. The 2-day training was online, but 4 day training will be face to face.

- Half day briefing sessions are being planned for partners who do not require full training events, such as Admin, Panel Members and 3rd Sector organisations. The Children's Hearing Panel members are first with a session on 6th October.

07/10/21 - no further update

11/11/21 - on track and ongoing 05/01/22 - Full training of HSCP staff has been undertaken over the past three

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| | | | | | | | | | months, however this remains ongoing for HSCP staff and other relevant staff. There has also been a training and awareness session with South Ayrshire Children's Panel members in October which was very well received. The first Child Assessment and Plan report has been written and sent to the Children's Hearing. This was an excellent piece of work and provides a strong basis for learning and refining for the Partnership from here on. There is a further meeting of the implementation group in January 2022 where it is expected that the delayed audit work will be presented, providing a valuable insight into historical practice and a clear understanding of what is required in terms of improvements. There is significant progress with this Signs of Safety implementation and confidence that it is having the desired effect in terms of the culture of Practice in the area of Child Protection. 27.01.22: no further update. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | ICT Data Centre – Hosting and Delivery Model | CEO | Kevin Mullen | Procure hosting partner | No | Mar-22 | | |
| LP | 28-Nov-17 | Implementation of 20mph speed restrictions across South Ayrshire Villages | PLA | Kevin Braidwood | Report back to Leadership Panel regarding results of the phase 3 engagement process, outline designs, associated costs and implementation programme within the road improvement plan and | No | 08-Mar-22 | 30/11/2020 . 31/3/2021 30/6/21 | Electronic speed signage installation for phase 1 and 2 schemes now largely complete - remaining signs will be installed during the next contractor visit (25th Oct). Installation of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 20mph speed signage has been completed. Dailly: Footway widening works now complete - this work was incorporated into the resurfacing works on the B741 to minimise disruption. Monkton: the traffic calming works are now complete. Dundonald: works programmed for early November, subject to confirmation of material supply. Phase 3 designs commenced on the agreed design of signing and lining only and are due to be completed by end |

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| | | | | | reporting to Regulatory Panel | | | | of February 2022 for presentation to community councils. Design process on programme. |
| LP | 26-Oct-21 | Levelling Up and Community Renewal Funds | PLA | Kevin Carr | Further report to be presented to the Leadership Panel | No | 08-Mar-22 | 18 January 2022 | Further update to Leadership Panel deferred to March given new expected opening of round 2 in Spring 2022. |
| LP | 26-Oct-21 | Residual Waste Contract | PLA | Kenny Dalrymple | report back to Leadership Panel with options for a pop-up Household Waste Recycling Centre - <i>addit to rec in report</i> | No | 08-Mar-22 | | The search for a suitable site both within the private sector and the SAC asset has been extremely difficult. We are actively in discussion with land owners with regards to 2 potential sites which should be concluded week commencing 28 February with regards to potential permissions and viability. It is the intention to present an options paper at the porfolio holders meeting on 08 March 2022 |

Agenda Item No. 3(c)

| Mtg | Mtg Date | Title of Report | Directorate | Managed by | Implementation | Complete | Current Due Date | Original Due Date(s) [Revised following consultation with PFH] | Notes (any date changes agreed with relevant PFH(s)) |
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| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Winter Pressures Funding (Additional Posts) | HSCP | Tim Eltringham | All new posts advertised | Yes | 31-Jan-21 | | 28/2/22 All new posts have been advertised and progressing through the recruitment process. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Winter Pressures Funding (Additional Posts) | HSCP | Tim Eltringham | Permanency of current temporary posts | Yes | 28-Feb-21 | | 28/2/22 All temporary posts have been advertised as permanent and recruitment is ongoing. |
| SAC | 09-Dec-21 | Scheme of Delegation | CEO | Catriona Caves | Updated Scheme of Delegation to be published and notified to employees | Yes | 17-Jan-22 | | |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Affordable Housing – Mainholm Enabling Works | PLA | Derek Yuille | Execute enabling works contract documentation | Yes | 30-Jan-22 | | Contract now signed and enabling works underway |

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| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Affordable Housing – Riverside Enabling Works | PLA | Derek Yuille | Execute enabling works contract documentation | Yes | 30-Jan-22 | | Contract now signed and enabling works underway |
| SAC | 28-Apr-21 | Disclosure of Confidential Information | CEO | Catriona Caves | that all Elected Members be consulted on how future confidential reports were considered - <i>addit to rec in report</i> | Yes | 31-Jan-22 | 31-Dec-21 | a consultation is being prepared for issuing to members in January relation to this matter and in relation to inductions and future Councillor training and the responses will be shared in due course. |
| LP | 15-Sep-21 | Webcasting/ Hybrid Meetings | CEO | Catriona Caves | Protocol for hybrid report to be prepared in consultation with the Leader, the Independent Members and the Chief Executive | yes | 31-Jan-22 | 11-Oct-21 | PFH agreed deadline extension to 31 January 2022 to allow testing of hybrid system and new microphones. |
| SAC | 09-Dec-21 | Golf Strategy 2022-2032 | PEO | Jane Bradley | Enter into procurement process to appoint contractors to deliver the first phase of work at Troon Links and Belleisle Park | Yes | 31-Jan-22 | | Contractors have been on site to discuss potential work packages and we are in the process of procuring early remedial work and developing a longer term plan for work packages throughout the year. |

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| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Strategic Risk Management | CEO | Carol Boyd | Adopt recommended approach to Strategic Risk Management | Yes | 31-Jan-22 | | |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Developer Contribution Governance and Reporting Arrangements | PLA | Craig Iles | Implement new governance and management arrangements for development contributions | yes | 31-Jan-22 | | The measured detailed in the report have been implemented and a Report will be brought before members in June |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Winter Pressures Funding (Additional Posts) | HSCP | Tim Elringham | All new posts advertised | Yes | 31-Jan-22 | | 2/2/22 - In conjunction with HR colleagues the HSCP management team are focussed on ensuring that all new posts are advertised as quickly as possible. Some posts require new job descriptions and grading which is being progressed as quickly as possible. Weekly updates on progress are being scrutinised by the HSCP Directorate Management Team. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Strategic Risk Management | CEO | Carol Boyd | Adopt recommended approach to Strategic Risk Management | Yes | 31-Jan-22 | | |

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| LP | 16-Mar-21 | Pan-Ayrshire Community Wealth Building Commission and Anchor Charter | PLA | Theo Leijser / David Alexander | An update on the activities of the Council's CWB Officers' Working Group and the SAC led regional CWB procurement workstream will be taken to the Service and Performance Panel | Yes | 08-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Council Plan 2018-22 (2020 Mid-Term Refresh) Extension | PEO | Kevin Anderson | Updated Performance Management Framework to be considered by the Service and Performance Panel | Yes | 08-Feb-22 | | Paper to considered at Service and Performance Panel on the 8th of Feb. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Council Plan 2018-22 (2020 Mid-Term Refresh) Extension | PLA | Kevin Anderson | Updated Performance Management Framework to be considered by the Service and Performance Panel | Yes | 08-Feb-22 | | Updated Performance Management Framework agreed by Service and Performance Panel. |
| LP | 21-Sep-21 | Proposed Management Arrangements for Community and Village Halls | PEO | Jamie Tait | Final Recommendations for management arrangements for each community centre and village hall to be presented to the Leadership Panel | Yes | 15-Feb-22 | 08-Mar-22 | Final report will be presented in March to Leadership Panel. |
| LP | 24-Aug-21 | Physical Activity and Sport Strategy | PEO | Jane Bradley | Provide a further update in 6 months through the Elected Member Bulletin | Yes | 25-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 21-Sep-21 | Feasibility Review - Benefits Services (BS) linking with the | CEO | Tim Baulk | Transfer of Crisis Grant applications to Benefits Service as part of Phase 2 of the Service Review | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | Phase 2 Service now complete. Prgressing to implementation |

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| | | Information and Advice Hub (IAAH) | | | | | | | |
| LP | 23-Nov-21 | Naming of New Community Campus and Non-Denominational Primary School, Maybole | PEO | Douglas Hutchison | Agree a SEED number with Scottish Government for the new non-denominational primary school and early years centre | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | SEED Number received from Scottish Government on 14 January 2022 |
| LP | 23-Nov-21 | Naming of New School Campus and Early Years Centre – Prestwick | PEO | Douglas Hutchison | Agree a SEED number with Scottish Government for the new early years centre | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | SEED Number received from Scottish Government on 14 January 2022 |
| SAC | 09-Dec-21 | Golf Strategy 2022-2032 | PEO | Jane Bradley | Submit a bid to the capital programme as part of the budget setting process | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | Bid submitted and approved by the CAMG |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Winter Pressures Funding (Additional Posts) | HSCP | Tim Eltringham | Permanency of current temporary posts | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | All temporary posts have been advertised as permanent and recruitment is ongoing |

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| LP | 15-Feb-22 | 2022 Scottish Child Payment - Bridging Payments | PEO | Gavin Cockburn | Ensure that the Council's eligibility criteria for Scottish Child Payment - Bridging Payments in 2022 are extended to lower income families in receipt of a qualifying benefit for school clothing grants. | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Seafeld Tennis Courts | PLA | Catriona Caves | Issue Decision Notice | yes | 28-Feb-22 | | Decision notice issued |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Budget Management - Revenue Budgetary Control 2021/22 - Position Statement at 31 December 2021 | CEO | Tim Baulk | Action the budget transfers in the financial ledger as outlined in the Directorate financial performance reports as Appnedix 1 and summarised in 4.1.9. | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Budget Management - Revenue Budgetary Control 2021/22 - Position Statement at 31 December 2021 | CEO | Tim Baulk | Record for future reporting purposes the requested earmarking for carry forward of resources to 2022/23 as outlined in 4.1.10. | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |

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| LP | 15-Feb-22 | General Services Capital Programme Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2021 | CEO | Corporate Accounting-Treasury/Capital Function | Process adjustments to the Genral Services Capital Programme | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Housing Capital Programme 2021/22 - Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2021 | PLA | Corporate Accounting-Treasury/Capital Function | Process adjustments to the Housing Capital Programme. | Yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Station hotel Update | PLA | Donald Gillies | Resume the role of Chair of the Station Hotel Strategic Governance Group | yes | 28-Feb-22 | | |
| LP | 23-Nov-21 | Proposed Lease to Police Scotland for Newton House, 30 Green Street Lane, Ayr | PLA | Tom Burns | Lease to be concluded | Yes | 01-Mar-22 | | Lease concluded on Friday 28th January. Police Scotland have taken entry of building. |
| LP | 24-Aug-21 | Inclusive Economic Growth and Investment Opportunity - Update | PLA | Theo Leijser | Bring forward further report for Leadership Panel detailing project cost, commercial lease and implementation programme | Yes | 03-Mar-22 | 26-Oct-21 | Timing of this paper has changed in line with project developments and requirements. The next report will be taken to Council on 3 March 22 |
| SAC | 09-Dec-21 | Inclusive Economic Growth and Investment Opportunity - Update | PLA | Theo Leijser | Further update to Elected Members | Yes | 03-Mar-22 | | Timing of this paper has changed in line with project developments and requirements. The |

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| LP | 19-Jan-21 | New Leisure Centre | PLA | Derek Yuille | Submit further report to Leadership Panel prior to Financial Close | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | | Report submitted for LP consideration 8 March 2022 |
| LP | 16-Mar-21 | Pan-Ayrshire Community Wealth Building Commission and Anchor Charter | PLA | Theo Leijser | A service specific CWB Workplan will be submitted to the Leadership Panel for approval | Yes | Mar-22 | 26-Oct-21 | Workplan has been developed through the MOWG and approved on 17 November. It was agreed to prepare a short report for Leadership Panel advising the MOWG's current status with recommendations that members are updated regularly by briefings, events etc. This will close off the Leadership Panel log entry. |
| LP | 16-Mar-21 | Waste Strategy 2021/31 | PLA | Kenny Dalrymple | Annual update of strategy and action plan submitted to the Leadership Panel | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | | |
| LP | 24-Aug-21 | Services to Gypsy/ Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate | PLA | Kevin Carr | undertake consultation with all Ward Councillors to identify suitable sites and thereafter report back to Leadership Panel by November 2021. <i>Different to rec in report</i> | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | 01-Nov-21 | Following discussion at the MOWG in December, the paper has been deferred until March to allow exploration of further sites. |

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| | | Gypsy/ Traveller Encampments | | | | | | | |
| LP | 24-Aug-21 | South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy | PLA | Kevin Braidwood | Report to Leadership Panel on any representations received on the consultation draft, and to seek formal Council approval for a finalised Active Travel Strategy taking cognisance of consultation feedback as appropriate | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | 23-Nov-21 | Following the recent conclusion of the approved three month consultation draft publication process, the ARA will revert to Leadership with a final version of the strategy for consideration/ approval. Draft report uploaded to sharepoint 4/2/22 |
| LP | 24-Aug-21 | South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy | PLA | Kevin Braidwood | Progress included within Ayrshire Road Alliance Performance Report to the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | As per 2021/22 meeting dates | Following the recent conclusion of the approved three month consultation draft publication process, the ARA will revert to Leadership with a final version of the strategy for consideration/ approval. Update to be provided to joint committee 11/3/22 |
| LP | 26-Oct-21 | Tourism & Events Interim Strategic Approach Update | PEOPLE | Jane Bradley | Provide an update to the Panel regarding the progress of the interim approach and produce a draft Tourism and Events Strategy for consideration | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | | Final report will be presented in March to Leadership Panel. |

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| LP | 23-Nov-21 | South Ayrshire Proposal to Support Unaccompanied and Asylum Seeking Children | HSCP | Mark Inglis | Further update to the Leadership Panel | Yes | 08-Mar-22 | <p>Update 05/01/2022 – South Ayrshire have been allocated our first Unaccompanied Asylum seeking child who will arrive early January 2022. This young person will initially be housed with a Short Term foster carer while alternative accommodation is being readied for her longer term. There are ongoing discussions with South Ayrshire Housing about accommodation for UASC as well as commitment from the HSCP to ensure an allocated Social Worker and support net work to enable a full and successful integration into South Ayrshire. This will remain an area of focus for the Health and Social Care Partnership and Council. 27.01.22: No further update at this stage.</p> |
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| LP | 16-Mar-21 | Funding Request for the Ayr Gaiety Partnership | CEO | Tim Baulk please advise the Clerk when report can be made public in part - Not to be released unless Head of Legal determines otherwise - confidential agreements/arrangements | Implement the Leadership Panel decision with respect to the funding request | Yes | 31-Mar-22 | 30-April-21, 31- May- 21, 31-Oct-21, 31-Dec-21 | Loan agreement completed and other required documentation all signed. Instalment 3 of the loan paid to AGP on 1-Feb-22. |
| LP | 16-Mar-21 | Proposed Management Arrangements for Community and Village Halls | PEO | Jamie Tait | Final Recommendations for the management arrangements for each community centre and village hall to be presented to the Leadership Panel | Yes | 31-Mar-22 | | Final report in March 2022 will be presented to LP in March 2022. Interim progress report presented September 2021. |
| LP | 30-Nov-21 | Community Council Elections | PEO | Jamie Tait | Undertake and complete Community Council elections | Yes | 31-Mar-22 | | |
| LP | 15-Feb-22 | Proposed Management Arrangements for Community and Village Halls | PEO | Jamie Tait | Community Centres and Village Halls to be review annually. | Yes | 31-Mar-22 | | |
| SAC | 15-Nov-21 | Review of Management Structure | CEO | Eileen Howat | Implement the revised structural arrangements | Yes | 01-Apr-22 | | Recruitment to Director Education post confirmed at COAAP 21 January 2022 |

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| LP | 09-Feb-21 | Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues | CEO | Catriona Caves | Report to Leadership Panel on consultation | Yes | 16-Dec-22 | 23/11/2021 and 10/12/21 | Report approved at February 2021 Leadership Panel. Work to commence consultation had to be delayed due to the urgent priority work during 2021 to process and administer the various Scottish Government covid support grants for taxi/PH drivers and operators. Subsequent to this, officers anticipate further delay into 2022 in engagement and consideration with consultees such as Police Scotland Public Health, who continue to have to prioritise other matters as a result of the pandemic. Due date has therefore been amended with approval of PFH Councillor Saxton. |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Affordable Housing – Mainholm Enabling Works | PLA | Derek Yuille | Execute enabling works contract documentation | Yes | 28/02/22 | 30/01/22 | Contract now signed and enabling works underway |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Affordable Housing – | PLA | Derek Yuille | Execute enabling works contract documentation | Yes | 28/02/22 | 30/01/22 | Contract now signed and enabling works underway |

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| | | Riverside Enabling Works | | | | | | | |
| LP | 18-Jan-22 | Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22 | CEO | Tim Baulk | No further action required | Yes | N/A | | |
| LP | 26-Oct-21 | Former Belleisle House Hotel Update | PLA | Derek Yuille | Submit application for planning in principle prior to marketing of building | Yes | TBC | | Application submitted 25 February 2022 |

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Assistant Director – Place
to Leadership Panel
of 8 March 2022**

Subject: New Leisure Centre

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress of the New Leisure Centre Project, including the final design proposals, costs and programme, and to seek approval to proceed to execute the necessary documents at financial close.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

- 2.1.1 notes the final design proposals, project costs, and programme for the Leisure Centre project;**
- 2.1.2 notes that the acquisition of the land at Arran Mall as previously approved can progress now subject to successful planning application outcome and purification of all suspensive conditions associated with application; and**
- 2.1.3 requests the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services, on acquisition of the Arran Mall site, to arrange for execution of the necessary documents, on behalf of the Council to reach Financial Close for the project with HubSW.**

3. Background

- 3.1 On 4 October 2018, a report setting out the Administration's vision for Ayr Town Centre was approved at a meeting of the Council. The report contained a number of projects and initiatives that the Council planned to take forward to create defined areas within the town.
- 3.2 In November and December 2018, a public consultation exercise 'Ayr Your Views' was held to capture the views of the public in relation to this vision including the proposal to replace the Citadel Leisure Centre with a new facility closer to the town centre.
- 3.3 The feedback from the public consultation was used to develop a Strategy and Action Plan for Ayr Town Centre which was approved by Leadership on 23 April 2019. One of the key proposals of this strategy was the creation of a Leisure and Recreation zone in the middle section of the High Street that would see the

transformation of an area currently occupied by the Arran Mall and Kyle Centre into a complex offering sports, cinema, dining and recreation day and night creating a bustling town centre for people to live, work and shop.

- 3.4 The proposed site for the New Leisure Centre is located within this 'Leisure and Recreation Zone' and incorporates the former Hourstons department store, Arran Mall and car parking area accessed from Dalblair Road. On 17 September 2019, Leadership Panel agreed to the purchase of Hourstons and this has now been concluded.
- 3.5 On 18 December 2019, the Council agreed to the conditional purchase of the Arran Mall site, and Missives were concluded in 2020, with several suspensive conditions in place to protect the Council's position before the transaction can complete,. These will require to be purified before the acquisition can progress.
- 3.6 On 19 January 2021 a Leadership Panel report seeking approval to submit a New Project Request to appoint a contractor and design team to develop and build the new leisure centre was approved. Following a tender exercise, BAM Construction and a design team led by LA Architects were appointed to design and build the new facility. The first task for this team was to help the Council facilitate further engagement with stakeholders and the public to obtain feedback on the proposed outline proposals for the new facility.
- 3.7 On 24 August 2021 a report was presented to Leadership Panel with the outcome of the consultation exercise and approval was given for a proposed list of facilities that would be provided in the new centre. These included a range of flexible wet facilities which maximises pool use and allows the 'learn to swim' programmes to grow and will comprise of a 25m 8-lane competition pool with mobile floor; a 20x10m flexible pool with mobile floor; a family fun area with flume; a wet changing area; and spectator seating. It was also proposed that there will be a range of flexible dry facilities which can cater for multiple activities and community use, including spaces which can accommodate a range of activities including spin classes, aerobics, pilates, yoga and martial arts; a fitness studio; and supporting spaces including consultation rooms, reception, café and storage.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The detailed design process has culminated in the development of the final design proposals, project costs and programme. The total project costs including all construction related costs, development and professional fees and client direct costs are detailed in paragraph 6.1. Images of the design proposal are included in [Appendix 1](#).
- 4.2 The purchase of the Arran Mall is predicated on the purification of the suspensive conditions. Principal amongst these was the requirement to obtain successful (unchallenged) attainment of planning consent for the new leisure centre development. A Planning Application for the new leisure centre has been submitted to South Ayrshire Council and will be determined at a meeting of the Regulatory Panel (Planning) on 2 March 2022. On the basis of a positive outcome from Regulatory Panel, it would be appropriate to now seek to purify the suspensive conditions contained within the agreed missives and it is estimated that this will take a period from the date of planning of 3 months. On purification, the acquisition of the land to build the new leisure centre can be progressed.

4.3 It is now proposed that the successful acquisition of the land is a key requirement of reaching Financial Close with HubSW to formally agree to build the new facility. On the basis of successful acquisition of the land it is recommended that approval is given for the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to arrange to execute the documents, on behalf of the Council to achieve Financial Close for the project, as detailed in [Appendix 2](#).

4.4 Subject to a positive planning application, successful acquisition of the land required and approval by this Panel, a headline programme would be as follows:

- acquire land for development 10 June 2022;
- reach Financial Close with HubSW 17 June 2022;
- could commence works on site 18 July 2022; and
- complete by December 2024.

4.5 The delivery of the New Leisure Centre Project will bring about a range of environmental benefits and includes a number of sustainability measures such as renewable energy, heat retention and natural ventilation. It is proposed that the project will also adhere to the Council's new Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy including the target for a net zero carbon facility.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 Specialist legal advisors have been appointed by the Council to develop the project agreements with HubSW to deliver the facility.

5.2 The recommendations in this report are consistent with the Council's Standing Orders relating to contracts for HubSW.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The New Leisure Centre is an identified project within the Council's approved Capital Programme, and it is proposed that the total project costs are met from the current approved allocation of £44,997,239. A breakdown of the project costs is as follows:

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| Total Construction Related Costs (incl fees) | £40,372,187 |
| Total Client Direct Costs (incl site acquisition) | £4,625,052 |
| Total Project Cost | £44,997,239 |

6.2 This is funded from the allocation for the project contained within the General Services Capital Programme.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

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8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are still some suspensive conditions that need to be agreed and finalised to allow the land acquisition to progress. These are not, however, thought to be overly onerous at this stage.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 The risks associated with rejecting the recommendations are that the Council would be unable to meet the commitments set out in the agreed Ayr Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan with regards to the development of the Leisure Centre.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessments is attached to this report in [Appendix 3](#).

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - The proposals in this report do not represent a qualifying plan, programme, policy or strategy for consideration for SEA. There exists therefore no obligation to contact the Scottish Government Gateway and no further action is necessary. An SEA has not been undertaken.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 A business case that considered various options was previously prepared for this project and the subject of earlier reports to Leadership Panel.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitment 6 of the Council Plan: A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities.

13. Results of Consultation

13.1 There has been public consultation on the contents of this report as part of the recent online public engagement exercise.

13.2 Further statutory consultation has been held as part of the planning application for the project in advance of the Planning submission.

13.3 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Brian McGinley, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance, and Councillor Chris Cullen, Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Assistant Director - Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Complete the purification of the conditions and thereafter the acquisition of land | 10 June 2022 | Service Lead Special Property Projects/ Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services |
| Execution of the contract documents | 17 June 2022 | Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services |

Background Papers Report to South Ayrshire Council of 4 October 2018 – [Ayr Town Centre](#)

Report to Leadership Panel of 23 April 2019 – [Ayr Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan](#)

Report to Leadership Panel of 19 January 2021 – [New Leisure Centre](#)

Report to Leadership Panel of 24 August 2021 – [New Leisure Centre](#)

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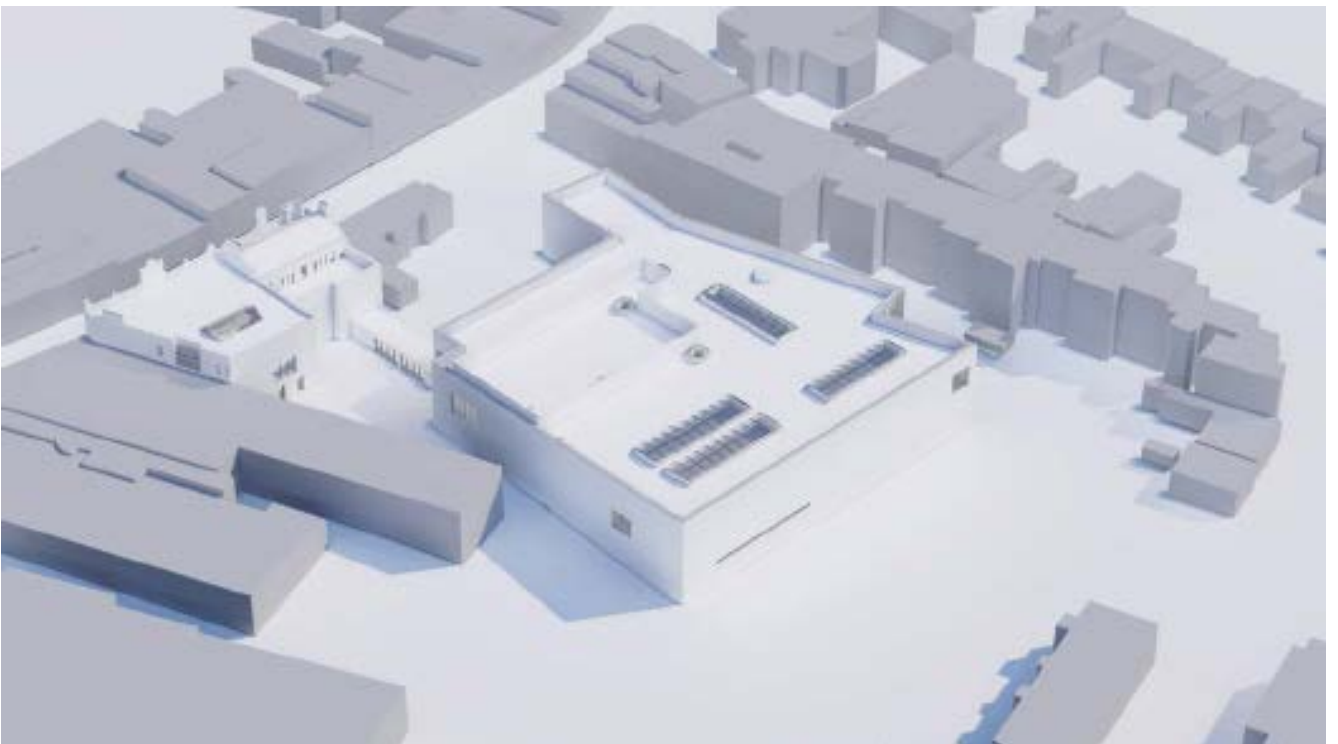
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Date: 2 March 2022

Aerial View from Alloway Street



Aerial View from Dalblair Road



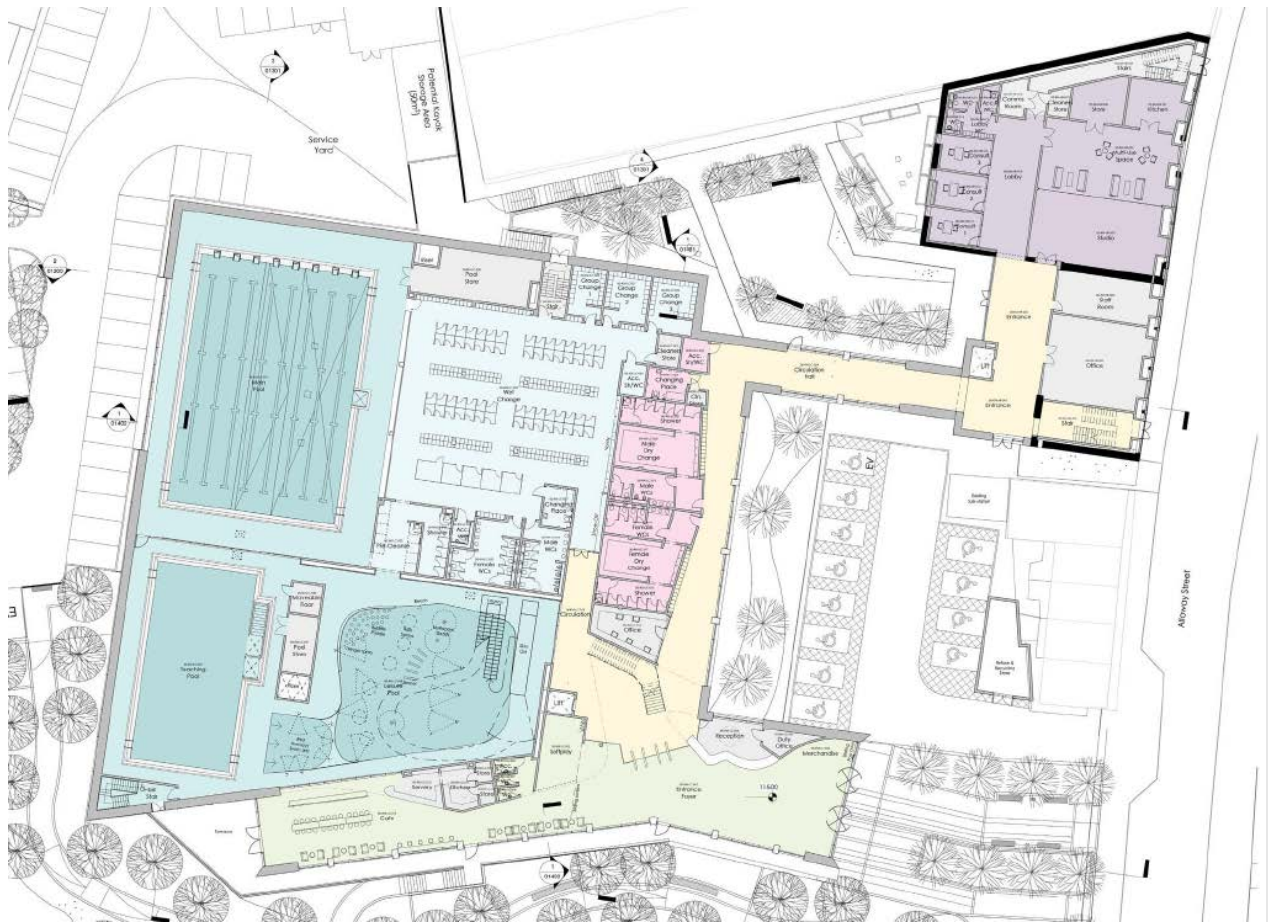
Front Entrance from Alloway Street



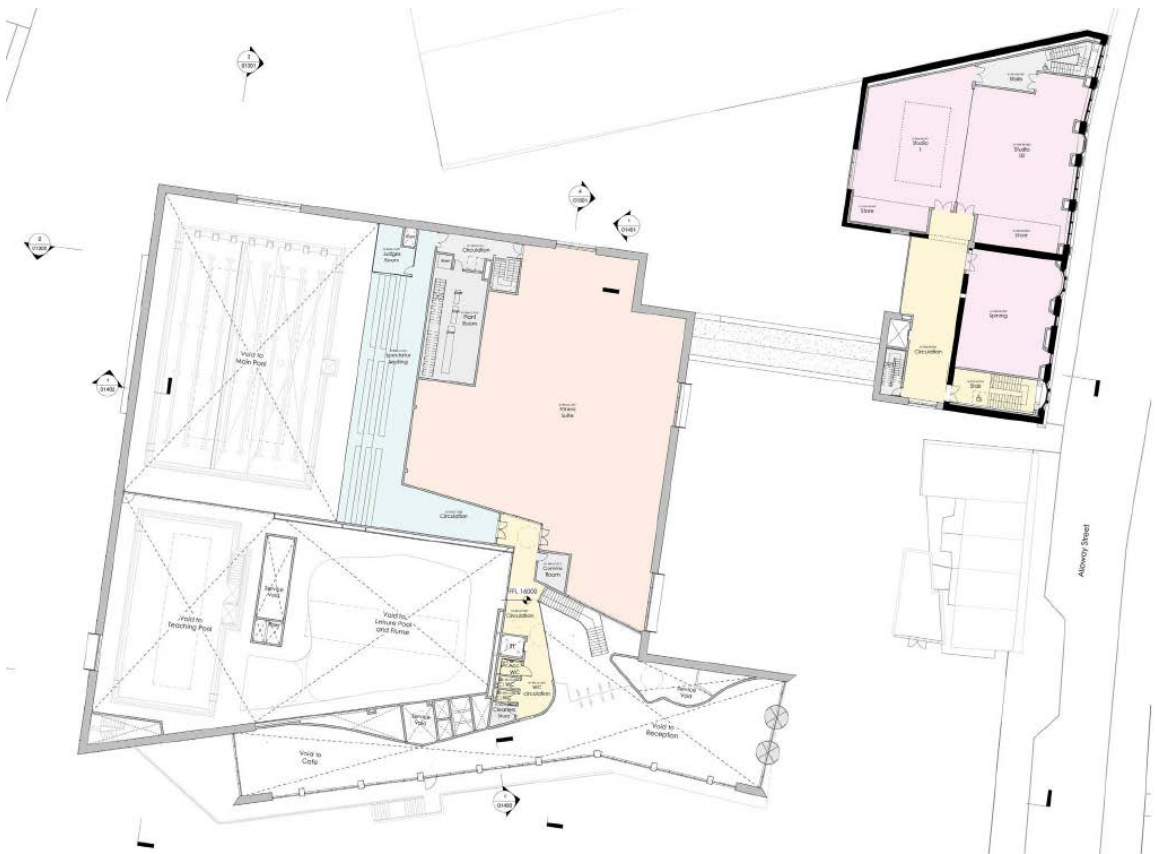
Rear of Building from Dalblair Road



Proposed Ground Floor Plan



Proposed Upper Floor Plan



Execution of Documents on Behalf of South Ayrshire Council

New Leisure Centre Project

The financial close process for the project requires a great deal of legal documentation which involves the Council, Hub South West and back-to-back subcontractor agreements. Financial close permits the entering into of the necessary contract documentation. The external legal and technical advisers will be responsible for verifying and certifying to Council officers that the key aspects represent an appropriate and bankable deal for the Council. Financial close can only take place once approvals are in place from:

- South West Hub board; and
- South Ayrshire Council;

Final negotiations will take place by the appropriate officers and also put in place named proper officers who would execute the project agreement documentation.

It is therefore proposed that authority is granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services (as proper officer for the purposes of signing documents as required by Schedule 2 of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995, and as proper officer for the purpose of the issue of certificates under and in terms of the Local Government Contracts Act 1997 and the Local Authorities (Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 1997) to execute on behalf of the Council, all documents relating to the transaction as follows:

- (1) the project agreements for the New Leisure Centre Project between South Ayrshire Council and DBDA Co/hubco. These are based on the SFT standard form project agreements and sets out the contractual arrangements for all parties;
- (2) the construction direct agreements for the New Leisure Centre Project between South Ayrshire, DBDA Co/hubco and the Building Contractor (BAM Construction);
- (3) the collateral warranties for the New Leisure Centre Project between South Ayrshire Council, DBDA Co/hubco and any other DBDA Co/hubco party as appropriate to protect the Council against insolvency of any of the contracted parties; and
- (4) any other ancillary document relating to the transaction.

South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: [Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty](#)

Further guidance is available here: [Assessing impact and the Public Sector Equality Duty: a guide for public authorities \(Scotland\)](#)

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. See information here: [Interim Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018.

1. Policy details

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Policy Title | New Leisure Centre, Arran Mall, Ayr |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Derek Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects – derek.yuille@south-ayrshire.gov.uk |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | - | x |
| Disability | - | x |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | - | - |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | - | - |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | - | - |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | - | - |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | - | - |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | - | - |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | - | - |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | - | - |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | - |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | - |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | - |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
|---|---|
| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | Low impact |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | Low impact |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | Low impact |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | Low impact |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | Low impact |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | Low impact |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | Low impact |

5. Summary Assessment

| | |
|--|--|
| Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Rationale for decision: | |
| The proposal does have a significant positive impact with regards to community participation and health and wellbeing therefore an EQI is required | |
| Signed : Derek Yuille | Service Lead |
| Date: 31 January 2022 | |

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Assistant Director - Place
to Leadership Panel
of 8 March 2022**

Subject: Strategic Review of Assets held in the Common Good Funds

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval on the approach for a long-term strategic review of all assets held within the Common Good Funds.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 notes the assets held in the Ayr Common Good, Prestwick Common Good, Troon Common Good and Girvan Common Good Funds as highlighted in Appendix 1;

2.1.2 notes the review and consultation with elected members that has taken place on Common Good Fund assets as highlighted in Appendix 2;

2.1.3 notes the update on the *'Transforming the Estate'* programme and agrees that this should include assets held within the Common Good Funds;

2.1.4 requests officers to review the current management arrangements for Common Good Fund land and buildings occupied by the Council;

2.1.5 agrees that a further report will be provided to Members with proposals for each and all Common Good Fund assets and buildings in August 2022;

2.1.6 agrees that Ward Members are engaged with as part of this review; and

2.1.7 agrees that external match funding opportunities are considered as part of this review where applicable for buildings and assets held in the Common Good.

3. Background

3.1 The Council has responsibility for the administration of five Common Good Funds representing the former burghs of Ayr, Prestwick, Troon, Maybole and Girvan. A list

of the land and property assets held within the Common Good Funds is shown attached in Appendix 1.

- 3.2 The responsibility for management of Common Good Fund land and property assets falls within the remit of the Place Directorate, under the Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer.
- 3.3 The strategic objectives for the Common Good Fund set out in the Councils Asset Management Plan are to:
 - 3.3.1 deploy Common Good Fund assets and resources for the benefit and enrichment of the people of the area concerned;
 - 3.3.2 maximise income from Common Good Fund assets and resources to ensure the Financial sustainability of the Funds;
 - 3.3.3 where appropriate, use Common Good Fund assets and resources to finance strategic investment in specific Council priorities that have been agreed; and
 - 3.3.4 use surplus Common Good Fund revenue resources to support Council priorities, on the basis of criteria to be developed.
- 3.4 The Management and maintenance of Common Good Fund land and buildings assets is subject to the level of funding which is available within each Common Good Fund. This poses issues for future maintenance costs of Common Good in relation to the amount of money available in each of the Common Good Funds. The Council is however, open to innovation in its development of management arrangements of Common Good Fund assets and resources.
- 3.5 Under section 75(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 where a local authority wishes to appropriate or dispose of land forming part of the Common Good and in respect of that land a question arises as to the right of the authority to alienate the local authority may petition the Court for authority to appropriate or dispose of the land. In addition, any disposal or change of use will need to comply with the terms of section 104 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Section 104 of the 2015 Act requires a local authority to consult with the community when planning to dispose of a Common Good property. The local authority must publish details about the proposal and must also notify the Community Council and any community body known to have an interest in respect of the proposals. In deciding whether or not to proceed with the disposal or change of use of Common Good property the authority must have regard to representations received. Any disposal may generate a capital receipt, but may have an adverse impact on the revenue position through loss of rental income.
- 3.6 Common Good Fund land and property assets are generally recommended retained if the rental exceeds that which could be achieved by investing the capital at the bank, or if the property is being held to support an adopted strategy.
- 3.7 Financial spend relating to Common Good Funds is reported to the Leadership Panel at agreed annual intervals, with consideration for revenue requirements for the forthcoming year proposed as part of the Councils overall budget setting process. Quarterly financial monitoring reports are submitted to Leadership Panel as well as a year-end report, summarising the current revenue and capital budgets of the Common Good Funds and accumulated reserves position.

- 3.8 A Statement of Objectives, Management Principles and Governance Arrangements for Common Goods Funds is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.9 The Council's Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2021/22, approved by Council on 04 March 2021, outlines the treasury management strategy for borrowing and investment which is managed within the Council's Loans Fund. Within the Loans Fund, borrowing and investment is managed on a pooled basis and includes investment from the Council, Housing Revenue Account, Trusts and Common Good Funds, amongst others.
- 3.10 The five Common Good Funds are therefore invested in the Council's Loans Fund and it is the performance of the Loans Fund which determines the interest rate achieved on the Common Good investment.
- 3.11 The most recent Annual Accounts from 2021/2022 show the valuation of fixed assets with the gross book value of assets at 31 March 2021 in relation to all five Common Good Funds as totalling £14.048m. The 2020/21 financial position in relation to each of the five Common Good Funds is outlined in Appendix 2, with all information taken from the Annual Accounts.
- 3.12 The Common Good Funds as at 31 March 2021 had total usable reserves of £0.397m revenue and £0.939m capital, all of which is invested in the Council's Loan Fund.
- 3.13 Income from Common Good assets is sustained at as high a level as possible with the rentals of all commercial investment assets and assets which Council services occupy agreed at market value in order that the income is maintained.
- 3.14 In October 2021, consultation was undertaken with ward members from Ayr, Prestwick, Troon and Girvan and it was proposed that a further review be undertaken regarding the current governance of Common Good. An annual report is provided to the Leadership Panel, however it was suggested that Ward Members should also have active involvement in the review of Common Good assets.
- 3.15 Local members also proposed that the Council pursue external match funding opportunities with regard to its historic monuments and listed buildings held in the Common Good.
- 3.16 On 15 June 2021, the Council approved a Covid-19 Programme of Recovery Activity 2021/22 to 2022/23. £70,000 of this was allocated to deliver Phase 1 of 'Transforming the Estate' (the Council's estates transformation programme) to develop: *'A Blueprint for Transforming our Estate - an action plan to transform our estate to meet the needs of our future workforce and communities for a thriving South Ayrshire.'*
- 3.17 Phase 1 outputs comprise: i) A vision for our Council estate, community and commercial buildings and assets; ii) Strategy - how we will deliver on our vision; iii) An outline of the 'as-is' and identification of the 'to-be'; iv) What we need to do to get there (action plan) including options on disposals, co-location of services and services that will operate from home and; v) Potential costs, dependencies, risks and timescales involved.
- 3.18 Avison Young, property consultants, have been appointed to deliver this work on behalf of the Council. Good progress is being made with ongoing officer and

portfolio holder engagement on the draft recommendations. The outputs of Phase 1 will include, along with those outputs listed at 3.17, a costed high-level implementation plan including resources and capabilities required by the Council to deliver the step-change needed.

3.19 The final report on Phase 1, which is expected by 31 March 2022, will make recommendations on how the Council can maximise opportunities for its commercial and corporate estate.

3.20 Investment identified to deliver Phase 2 of the programme – Implementation – will seek further approvals in line with requirements. Aspects of community consultation, best value and legal and financial implications will also be considered.

4. Proposals

4.1 The Panel is asked to note the position with regard to Ayr Common Good, Prestwick Common Good, Troon Common Good, Girvan Common Good and Maybole Common Good from the most recent Annual Accounts (2021/2022)

4.2 The Panel are asked to note the discussions that have taken place with local elected members and Portfolio Holders that has on Common Good Fund assets within their wards.

4.3 A final report on Phase 1 of 'Transforming the Estate' is expected from the consultants by 31 March 2022 and it is proposed that members agree that this should include outline strategic recommendations on common good land and assets.

4.4 Members are asked to agree that the strategic review of Common Good Funds will then form a further report back to Panel in August 2022 outlining longer-term recommendations for each building or asset held.

4.5 It is proposed that Ward Members from each of the areas comprising the constituted funds should receive updates on this work and that matched funding opportunities are considered as they arise.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 The recommendations in this report are consistent with legal requirements.

5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Once the first phase of the transformation work is complete, where there are any proposals in relation to Common Good fund buildings or assets, these will be developed in line with business case, financial requirements and reporting requirements.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

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8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 To reject the recommendations in the Report would result in no strategic longer-term approach to managing land and assets held in Common Goods Funds; no opportunity to maximise the value of the assets and a continued financial burden for the Council.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as Appendix 4.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitments 4, 5 and 6 of the Council Plan: South Ayrshire Works/ Make the most of the local economy; Stand up for South Ayrshire/ Increase the profile and reputation of South Ayrshire and the Council; and A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities.

13. Results of Consultation

13.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report.

13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian McGinley, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance, and Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and ward members for Ayr, Prestwick, Troon and Girvan. The contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Assistant Director – Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported

to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Incorporate Common Good Fund land and assets within Transforming the Estate programme | 4 March 2022 | Assistant Director - Place |
| Report to Panel outlining longer-term recommendations for each building or asset held in the Common Good Funds | 31 August 2022 | Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer |
| Updates to Ward Members as part of the strategic review including information on funding opportunities | 31 August 2022 | Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer |
| Review the current management arrangements for Common Good Fund land and building assets occupied by the Council | 31 August 2022 | Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer/ Head of Finance and ICT |

Background Papers **[Report to Leadership Panel of 24 November 2020 – Performance Review of Common Good Funds](#)**

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Date: 1 March 2022

| Category | Sub Category | | Asset Ref | Address |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Bandstand | Investment Asset | B | B109 | St Germaine-En-Laye Gardens Esplanade Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DT |
| Bothy | Investment Asset | B | B404 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Car Park | Investment Asset | L | L103 | Queens Terrace Car Park Queen's Terrace Lane West Ayr South Ayrshire |
| Car Park | Investment Asset | L | L174 | Car Park 1 Millbrae Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4PJ |
| Car Park | Investment Asset | L | L283 | Car Park Castlehill Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 2HT |
| Car Park | Investment Asset | L | L489 | Car Park Cromwell Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DY |
| Car Parking Space | Investment Asset | L | L120 | Ayr Town Hall Parking Space - relating to L57 - 13 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Car Parking Space | Investment Asset | L | L120 | Ayr Town Hall Parking Space - relating to L124 - 17 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Office | Investment Asset | B | B126 | 8 Green Street Lane Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 8BL |
| Park | Heritage Asset | L | L188 | Low Green Esplanade Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DT |
| Former Crazy Golf | Investment Asset | L | L161 | Crazy Golf Queen's Terrace Lane West Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DX |
| Customer Service Centre | Investment Asset | B | B315 | Wallace Tower 176 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1PZ |
| Vacant land | Surplus Asset | L | L555 | Afflecks Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Park | Community Asset | L | L24 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Farm | Investment Asset | L | L90 | Greenan Farm Steading Lands Of Greenan Dunure Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4LD |
| Fishing Boat | Community Asset | B | B507 | South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Gardens | Community Asset | L | L552 | St Germaine-En-Laye Gardens Esplanade Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DT |
| Hall | Investment Asset | B | B29 | Former Darlington Church Main Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 8BU |
| Hall & Swimming Pool | Investment Asset | B | B3003 | The Citadel South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Kiosk | Investment Asset | B | B191 | Kiosk 1 Low Green Esplanade Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1EQ |
| Kiosk | Investment Asset | B | B192 | Kiosk 2 Low Green Esplanade Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1EQ |
| Monument Built or Plaqued | Heritage Asset | B | B434 | Hill Of Barnweill Craigie South Ayrshire KA1 5NE |
| Monument Built or Plaqued | Heritage Asset | B | B205 | Newton Tower Main Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 8BU |
| Monument Built or Plaqued | Heritage Asset | B | B110 | St John The Baptist's Tower Bruce Crescent Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JH |
| Monument Built or Plaqued | Heritage Asset | B | B13 | Wallace Tower 176 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1PZ |
| Museum | Investment Asset | B | B403 | Rozelle House Museum (inc McLaurin Gallery), Tearom & West Wing, Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NQ |
| Non Housing Revenue Accommodation | Investment Asset | B | B149 | 29A New Bridge Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JX |
| Non Housing Revenue Accommodation | Investment Asset | B | B482 | 29D New Bridge Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JX |
| Non Housing Revenue Accommodation | Investment Asset | B | B155 | Lodge House 149 Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NQ |
| Non Housing Revenue Accommodation | Investment Asset | B | B3523 | View House, Old Racecourse 1 Doonfoot Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4DP |
| Open Space | Investment Asset | L | L198 | Site At Overmills Off A77 Whitletts-Holmston Roundabouts Ayr South Ayrshire KA6 5JJ |
| Pavilion | Investment Asset | B | B407 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Pavilion | Investment Asset | B | B43 | View House, Old Racecourse Doonfoot Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4DP |
| Public House | Investment Asset | B | B178 | 230-234 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1RQ |
| Former Putting Green | Investment Asset | L | L200 | Putting Green Queens Terrace Lane Bath Place Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DU |
| Recreation Ground | Community Asset | L | L25 | Old Racecourse Playing Fields 1 Doonfoot Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4DN |
| Recreation Ground | Community Asset | L | L441 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Restaurant | Investment Asset | B | B146 | 230-234 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1RQ |
| Restaurant | Investment Asset | B | B210 | 4 River Terrace Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 0BJ |
| Restaurant/Bar | Investment Asset | B | B3002 | The Citadel South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Shed/Hut | Investment Asset | B | B44 | Pavilion Old Racecourse Playing Field Doonfoot Road Ayr South Ayrshire |
| Shed/Hut | Surplus Asset | B | B402 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B168 | 1/3 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B169 | 11 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B83 | 11 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B84 | 13 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B170 | 15 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B526 | 15 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B171 | 17 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |

| Category | Sub Category | | Asset Ref | Address |
|----------------|------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B174 | 19 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B176 | 23 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B81 | 3 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B82 | 7 Sandgate Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1BG |
| Shop | Investment Asset | B | B3001 | Citadel Shop The Citadel South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Site | Community Asset | L | L538 | Citadel Development Site South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Site | Investment Asset | L | L143 | Land at Rear Of Tam O'Shanter |
| Steading | Investment Asset | B | B130 | Greenan Farm Steading Lands Of Greenan Dunure Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4HX |
| Store/Workshop | Investment Asset | B | B175 | 21 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Store/Workshop | Surplus Asset | B | B333 | 8 Alderston Avenue Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 9BD |
| Store/Workshop | Surplus Asset | B | B88 | 8 Alderston Avenue Ayr South Ayrshire KA8 9BD |
| Store/Workshop | Investment Asset | B | B405 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L3522 | Electric Sub Station (New) Cromwell Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DY |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L150 | Electric Sub Station 21 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L148 | Electric Sub Station Arran Terrace Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1DY |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L399 | Electric Sub Station Citadel South Harbour Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JB |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L558 | Electric Sub Station Hope Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LT |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L175 | Electric Sub Station Mill Brae Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 3BA |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L3540 | Electric Sub Station Pavilion Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1EQ |
| Town Hall | Investment Asset | B | B167 | Town Hall New Bridge Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1JX |
| Walkway | Community Asset | L | L105 | River Ayr Walk Holmston Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 3LP |
| WC/PC | Investment Asset | B | B188 | Public Convenience Low Green Esplanade Ayr |
| WC/PC | Investment Asset | B | B27 | Rozelle Park Monument Road Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 4NJ |
| Workshop | Investment Asset | B | B172 | 17 High Street Ayr South Ayrshire KA7 1LU |
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Land and Property Assets held within Girvan Common Good Fund

| Category | Sub Category | | Asset Ref | Address |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Clubroom | Surplus Asset | B | B241 | Stair Park Henrietta Street Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9AH |
| Gardens | Community Asset | L | L581 | Victory Park Gardens Victory Park Road Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9DQ |
| Monument Built or Plaqued | Heritage Asset | B | B3826 | Stumpy Corner Knockcushan Street Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9AG |
| Park | Community Asset | L | L263 | Stair Park Henrietta Street Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9AH |
| Pavilion | Investment Asset | B | B375 | Victory Park And Pavillion South Park Avenue Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9DQ |
| Recreation Ground | Investment Asset | L | L405 | Victory Park And Pavillion South Park Avenue Girvan South Ayrshire KA26 9DQ |
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Land and Property Assets held within Prestwick Common Good Fund

| Category | Sub Category | | Asset Ref | Address |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------|--|
| Car Park | Investment Asset | L | L369 | Car Park Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QL |
| Car Park | Other Land and Buildings | L | L372 | Grangemuir Road Car Park Prestwick South Ayrshire |
| Ground Let | Investment Asset | L | L356 | Kidz Play Ground Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QG |
| Ground Let | Investment Asset | L | L3807 | Putting Plus Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QG |
| Ground Let | Investment Asset | L | L344 | Sailing Club Grangemuir Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1SN 11500.00 |
| Kiosk | Investment Asset | B | B3564 | Kiosk Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QG |
| Office | Investment Asset | B | B258 | 2 The Cross Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1AN |
| Open Space | Community Asset | L | L357 | Former Go Kart Track Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QL |
| Park | Community Asset | L | L275 | Boydfield Gardens - North Main Street Prestwick South Ayrshire |
| Park | Community Asset | L | L3789 | Boyd Street Gardens Boyd Street Prestwick South Ayrshire |
| Recreation Ground | Community Asset | L | L3621 | Play Area Burgh Road Prestwick South Ayrshire |
| Sub Station | Investment Asset | L | L259 | Electric Sub Station Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire KA9 1QG |
| WC/PC | Investment Asset | B | B359 | Links Road Public Convenience Links Road Prestwick South Ayrshire |
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Land and Property Assets held within Troon Common Good Fund

| Category | Sub Category | | Asset Ref | Address |
|----------|------------------|---|-----------|---|
| WC/PC | Investment Asset | B | B355 | Public Convenience Templehill Troon South Ayrshire KA10 6BE |
| | | | | |

Consultations with elected ward members – October 2021

Ayr Common Good Fund

Consultation took place with ward members for both Ayr East and Ayr West. The following feedback was provided:

- The Council should review its existing management arrangements for Common Good property it occupies. The current position is that the Common Good Funds are responsible for all internal and external repair costs.
- It was proposed that a review be undertaken regarding the current governance of Common Good. An annual report is provided to the Leadership Panel. It was proposed that a cross service group comprising of officers from Asset Management, Legal Services and Finance is put in place to review Common Good on a quarterly basis throughout the year. This would provide greater focus on the development of Common Good land and property assets.
- The Council should pursue external match funding opportunities in particular with regard to its historic monuments and listed buildings held in the Common Good.
- The future of the Afflecks site was also raised and identified as an area requiring further consideration.

Prestwick Common Good Fund

Consultation took place with Prestwick ward members and the consensus was to retain the land and buildings within the Prestwick common good but explore additional revenue generation opportunities.

- The current management agreements regarding the Freemans Hall was raised and whether this should be reviewed. It was noted that Housing had recently moved out of Freemans Hall, however the Troon & Prestwick Children's Services are due to relocate there in December. This will provide a rental however it was raised that the Freemans Hall and the land at the rear should be considered as part of a possible development with feasibility and public consultation around its long term future use.
- The members requested if the annual charges to the Common Good from the various Council services could be presented in a more transparent format in order that it was clear how much revenue was being charged each year for each asset.
- The ward members suggested that the common good land at the rear of Kidz Play could be brought into a beneficial use such as a skate park operated by a commercial interest.

Troon Common Good Fund

Consultation took place with ward members and it was proposed to look at possible options to use the funds of £0.035m to best serve the people of Troon. This would be open to public consultation.

Girvan Common Good Fund

Consultation took place with ward members and the consensus was to consider declaring the bandstand surplus and also the transfer of Stumpy Tower from the Girvan Common account to the Council General Services account. This would enable funding to be directed to maintain this important asset. Both these options would be subject to further public consultation.

Maybole Common Good

The Maybole Common Good holds no land or property assets and therefore members did not deem it appropriate to meet in this case.

South Ayrshire Council

Management of Common Good Funds

Statement of Objectives, Management Principles and Governance Arrangements

Objectives

1. Deploy Common Good Fund assets and resources for the benefit and enrichment of the people of the area concerned.
2. Maximise income from Common Good Fund assets to ensure the financial sustainability of the Funds.
3. Where appropriate, use Common Good Fund assets and resources to finance strategic investment in Council priorities that have been agreed as addressing (1) above in respect of the relevant area.

Principles

1. Property assets should be retained if the return from the rental exceeds that which could be achieved by investing the capital at a bank, or if the property is being held to support an adopted strategy. Assets can be disposed of, however, in order to finance strategic investment in support of agreed Council priorities, and on the basis of a detailed business case.
2. Potential commercial use of all investment assets should be maximised.
3. Assets should only be acquired if it can be clearly demonstrated that they will provide an acceptable level of return, or that they will contribute to Common Good Fund objectives.
4. Common Good Fund assets will be maintained. This is subject to the appropriate level of funding within each common good fund.
5. Common Good Fund assets will be suitable and sufficient for purpose.
6. Common Good Fund assets will comply with applicable legislation and regulation and will be safe and secure.
7. The Council will be open to innovation in its development and deployment of Common Good Fund assets and resources.
8. Income from Common Good Fund assets will be sustained at as high a level as possible.
9. Routine revenue expenditure will be minimised whilst also satisfying the need to comply with principles 4, 5, and 6 above.

10. The return on capital funds invested internally through the Council's Loans Fund and potentially through the active management of a proportion of the funds available by an external funds manager, will be maximised.

Governance

1. Decisions relating to the management of Common Good Funds within South Ayrshire will be made by the Leadership Panel, or the Council.
2. Consultation on use of Fund revenue surpluses, on acquisitions and disposals, and on specific Council priorities that should receive support, will be undertaken prior to such decisions being sought, with the results of such consultation being reported to Council/Leadership Panel for their consideration.
3. This consultation will be conducted with all members elected for all wards which cover the area of the Common Good Fund concerned.

Reports on the financial status, compliance with Common Good Fund objectives, principles and intended Asset Management outcomes will be reported within the Council's Land and Buildings Asset Management Plan and submitted to the Leadership Panel, or the Council for its consideration.

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1. Policy details

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Policy Title | Strategic Review of Common Good Assets |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | - | - |
| Disability | - | - |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | - | - |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | - | - |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | - | - |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | - | - |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | - | - |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | - | - |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | - | - |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | - | - |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | - |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | - |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | - |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
|---|---|
| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | Low |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | Low |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | Low |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | Low |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | Low |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | Low |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | Low |

5. Summary Assessment

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| Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO X |
| Rationale for decision: | |
| Signed : T Burns Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer | |
| Date: 11 th February 2022 | |

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Assistant Director - Place
to Leadership Panel
of 8 March 2022**

Subject: Sale of Land at Queens Terrace, Maybole

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from the Leadership Panel to declare the area shown hatched in the plan attached as [Appendix 1](#) surplus to requirements and to transfer it to Ayrshire Housing as part of its revised proposal to develop 22 affordable homes at Queens Terrace in Maybole.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 grants approval to declare this area of land shown hatched in ([Appendix 1](#)) extending to 0.133 hectares (surplus to requirements and transfer ownership to Ayrshire Housing for nil value; and

2.1.2 requests the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services to conclude this transaction.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 27 October 2020 ,the Leadership Panel approved the sale of approximately 0.87 hectares (2.15 acres) of HRA land, shown outlined red in the plan below, at Queens Terrace in Maybole to Ayrshire Housing for £50,000 to allow it to develop 20 affordable homes.

- 3.2 The Council's Acquisition and Disposal of land and buildings policy states that any land that is potentially surplus to requirements will be first offered to Housing Services for affordable housing or as a disposal to a Housing Association for the purposes of affordable housing subject to Leadership Panel approval. The land is held within the HRA and Housing Services have confirmed that they wish to declare this land surplus and transfer an additional 0.133 hectares to Ayrshire Housing.

- 3.3 Ayrshire Housing has now advised it requires an additional 0.133 hectares to accommodate its revised development of 22 units. This area is shown hatched red in the plan attached as [Appendix 1](#).

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4. Proposals

- 4.1 The proposal is to transfer the additional area of land shown hatched in the plan attached as [Appendix 1](#) to Ayrshire Housing to allow it to progress its proposed affordable housing development in Queens Terrace.
- 4.2 The site has been revalued by the District Valuer as at the 14 February 2022. The District Valuer has reported that the market value of the additional 0.133 hectares as shown in [Appendix 1](#) is £nil. There is therefore no uplift in value from the market value reported by the District Valuer in 2020 for the site in the event that the disposal would also include an additional land of 0.133 hectares
- 4.3 The District valuer has reported that the market value of the site with the additional land is £nil under the special assumption the restricting the future use of the site in perpetuity to reflect the social rented housing and taking into account the abnormal site developments costs.
- 4.4 It is proposed that the land declared surplus on 27 October 2020 extending to 0.87 hectares and the additional land requested by Ayrshire Housing extending 0.133 hectares be disposed of for £50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pounds) Sterling on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Leadership Panel on 27 October 2020.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report are consistent with legal requirements. Legal Services will be required to conclude the sale.
- 5.2 Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 ('1987 Act') section 203 (2), a local authority needs the consent of the Scottish Government to transfer land or property between the HRA and Ayrshire Housing. The Scottish Government has developed a general consent process whereby authorities can self-certify consent where the disposal is accredited by an RICS valuer as representing best value and where the necessary level of consultation is undertaken. The Service Lead - Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer has confirmed that the Council has satisfied these requirements and recorded this self-certification as required by the 1987 Act.
- 5.3 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Per the report to Leadership Panel of 27 October 2020 the Council Housing Revenue Capital Account will receive £50,000 (Fifty Thousand Pounds) Sterling for selling the now combined total area of 1.033 hectares of land at Queens Terrace.

7. Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

- 8.1.1 There is no risk to the Council.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

- 8.2.1 The development may not be able to proceed and Maybole may lose out on up to 22 new affordable houses while the Council will miss out on a capital receipt and would remain liable for maintenance costs associated with this area.

9. Equalities

- 9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 2](#).

10. Sustainable Development Implications

- 10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

- 11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitment 5 of the Council Plan: Stand up for South Ayrshire/ Increase the profile and reputation of South Ayrshire and the Council.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and Councillor Brian McGinley, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance, and Councillor Philip Saxton, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Wellbeing, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.
- 13.2 The local tenant group has been consulted and has confirmed that it is happy to support the transfer of this land to Ayrshire Housing.
- 13.3 There has also been consultation with both Legal Services and Housing regarding the content of this report and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

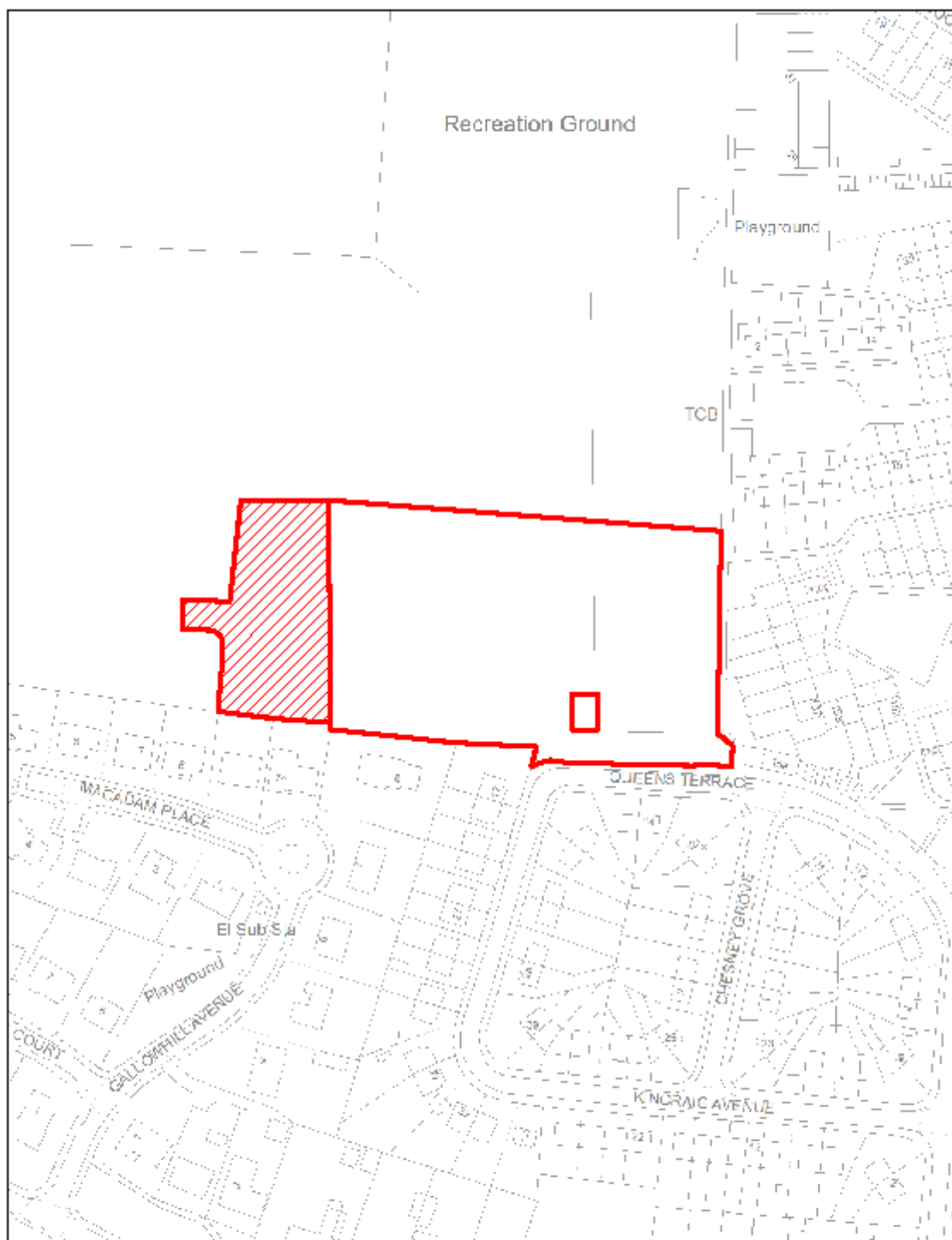
- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Assistant Director – Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Sale to be concluded | 30 September 2022 | Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer |

Background Papers **Report to Leadership Panel of 27 October 2020 – [Sale of Land at Queens Terrace, Maybole](#)**

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Date: 1 March 2022



Queens Terrace, Maybole.

Scale 1:1500



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1. Policy details

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| Policy Title | Sale of land at Queens Terrace, Maybole |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Tom Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer – tom.burns@south-ayrshire.gov.uk |

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| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

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| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | Low impact |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | Low impact |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | Low impact |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | Low impact |

5. Summary Assessment

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| <p>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)</p> | <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> |
| <p>Rationale for decision:</p> <p>This report advises the Panel of 8 March 2022. Their decision on this has no specific equality implications</p> | |
| <p>Signed : Tom Burns Service Lead Asset Management and CAT</p> <p>Date: 14 February 2022</p> | |

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Director - Place to Leadership Panel of 8 March 2022

Subject: Road Improvement Plan 2022-2023

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Leadership Panel approval for the 2022/23 Road Improvement Plan for carriageway, footways, street lighting and other related infrastructure improvements.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 approves the road improvement plan for 2022/2023 contained in [Appendix 1](#); and

2.1.2 approves the Carriageway and Footway Programme for 2022/2024 in [Appendix 1](#).

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting in March 2021, the Council approved capital allocations to be included in the Roads Improvement Plan for the period to 2031/32. This capital allocation will be used to make improvements to the road network and include road resurfacing; road reconstruction; street lighting; LED street lighting replacement; traffic signals; implementation of 20mph infrastructure and bridge, coastal and harbour work.
- 3.2 The additional capital allocations requested for the 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2031/32 are highlighted in Table 1 below and will be confirmed following approval of the Capital Investment Programme on 3 March 2022.

Table 1: Capital Investment Budgets 2022/23-2031/32

| Programme | 22/23 (£m) | 23/24 (£m) | 24/25 (£m) | 25/26 (£m) | 26/27 (£m) | 27/28 (£m) | 28/29 (£m) | 29/30 (£m) | 30/31 (£m) | 31/32 (£m) |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Roads Reconstruction | 3.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 2.500 | 1.500 |
| Street lighting | 0.205 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.250 | 0.250 | | | | | |
| LED Replacement | 0.232 | - | - | - | - | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.100 | |
| 20mph in rural villages | 0.023 | - | - | - | - | | | | | |

| Programme | 22/23 (£m) | 23/24 (£m) | 24/25 (£m) | 25/26 (£m) | 26/27 (£m) | 27/28 (£m) | 28/29 (£m) | 29/30 (£m) | 30/31 (£m) | 31/32 (£m) |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bridges Capital | 0.790 | 0.278 | 0.362 | 0.200 | - | | | | | |
| Bridge of Coyle | 0.050 | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| Girvan Harbour | 0.310 | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| Girvan Sth Pier | 0.008 | 0.120 | - | - | - | | | | | |
| Traffic Signals Renewal | 0.190 | 0.140 | - | - | - | | | | | |
| New Traffic Signals | 0.200 | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| B734 Pingerrach Slope Stabilisation. | 0.002 | - | - | - | - | | | | | |
| C12 Dunure Slope Stabilisation. | 0.188 | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Flood Plan | 0.173 | 0.064m | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.064 | | | | | |
| EV charging infrastructure | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.120 | | | | | | | |
| Facilities to assist with tourist and visitor facilities. | 0.160 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 6.131 | 3.452 | 3.296 | 3.014 | 2.814 | 2.600 | 2.600 | 2.600 | 2.600 | 1.500 |

- 3.3 An additional allocation of £1.000m has been requested for Roads Reconstruction and £0.128 for Girvan Harbour South Pier and £1.5m for Roads Reconstruction in years 2031/32, 2032/33 and 2033/34.
- 3.4 The revenue budget also includes funds for road improvement work, specifically relating to resurfacing schemes as well as ongoing maintenance work relating to carriageway patching, footway works, drainage, pothole repairs, ditch clearing, gully cleaning, clearing carriageway flooding, hedge pruning, verge maintenance and winter treatment.
- 3.5 The condition of the road network is reviewed annually as part of the process of compiling future year programmes using the scheme ranking system approved by the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee at its meeting of 24 October 2014 and revised at the meeting on 10 November 2017. This approach ensures that the programme of works is developed to provide the maximum benefit to the area. The scheme ranking system takes into account factors including road condition; safety issues; the road hierarchy; the level of traffic on the road; stakeholder feedback and cost. The programme of work is reviewed and re-prioritised, with updated programmes brought forward for approval on an annual basis to Leadership Panel.
- 3.6 Grant applications will continue to be made to the Scottish Timber Transport Group, with match funding being provided from the roads maintenance element of the capital budget. If bids are successful, this will allow the Ayrshire Roads Alliance to carry out additional work on surface screeding and resurfacing on the essential timber transport routes.
- 3.7 Following Members agreeing in June 2017 to recognise representation they had received from communities regarding the introduction of 20mph speed limits, work is now ongoing to complete this programme of works and will be completed at the beginning of the new financial year.

3.8 The transport infrastructure is one of the most valuable Council assets and it is vital to the economic well-being and development of South Ayrshire. The infrastructure contributes significantly to the local economy and regeneration. The road asset carriageway alone is valued at £1.9 billion.

3.9 Further background is provided in [Appendix 2](#).

4. Proposals

4.1 The Roads Improvement Plan for 2022/23 is detailed in [Appendix 1](#) - Works Programme and includes details on improvement works for carriageway, street lighting, traffic, transportation, active travel schemes and timber transport route improvements. The schemes programmed will be carried out over the spring, summer and early autumn. Full engagement will be carried out in accordance with the protocol for engagement on the Ayrshire Roads Alliance projects as detailed in the report to Leadership Panel of 29 November 2016.

4.2 It should be noted that this programme has been prepared in advance of full consultation with statutory undertakers which may lead to unavoidable delays in delivering the programme to the timescale stated above. A statutory undertaker is any company that has a legal right to place and maintain their apparatus within the boundary of the public road.

4.3 The works will be carried out using two specification types:

- Re-surfacing with 30% Hot Rolled Asphalt . This provides a good wearing surface quality suitable for all conditions which provides a very durable surface with a high skid resistance. This is used on the 'A' and 'B' class roads.
- Screeding with close graded asphalt concrete overlay. This is a very good general purpose surface course. This is used on 'B', 'C' and 'U' class roads.

Programmes will be subject to change over the course of time.

Programme for Street Lighting

4.4 There are over 20,000 street lights in South Ayrshire. The proposed programme for 2022/23 has identified the parts of the network in poorest condition. This work will enable the reduction in the number of columns over thirty years old, along with improving the cable network. The schemes are contained in [Appendix 1](#) - Works Programme.

4.5 As in previous years, LED lighting is being provided in all locations which will reduce the power consumed on a 'per replaced unit'.

4.6 On average LED lighting reduces energy consumption by 50% to 65% with a seven and a half year payback period. It should be noted that due to LED performance issues, it is not yet possible to retrofit LED lighting to the majority of pre-1980 installations without complete renewal. The LED replacement programme is contained in [Appendix 1](#).

4.7 Of the remaining 270 lanterns still to be converted, over half (194) comprise those on remote footpaths. Others include heritage style lanterns in conservation areas

which require to re-fit with bespoke gear trays.

Programme for Traffic and Transportation

- 4.8 In addition to Capital allocation to traffic signals renewal funded through the five year capital investment for the network, the Ayrshire Roads Alliance compiles capital bid applications for traffic, transportation and active travel projects across the network. Bids are made inter alia to SPT, Sustrans, Paths for All and Smarter Choices/Safer Places. In addition, the Scottish Government provides South Ayrshire Council grant funding for cycling walking and safer routes initiatives. All this work includes active travel and road safety schemes. These schemes are contained in [Appendix 1](#) - Works Programme.

20mph in Rural Villages

- 4.9 Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) have been approved by the Council's Regulatory Panel for a total of eleven villages, with schemes implemented. The remaining 4 schemes at design stage will be taken forward for consideration by the Regulatory Panel. This will include Community Council and Elected Ward Member engagement ahead of the public engagement requirement of any subsequent TRO on conclusion of the statutory process works will commence on site.

Programme for Structural Improvements

- 4.10 The capital projects to improve the South Ayrshire Council network for bridges are contained in [Appendix 1](#) - Works Programme. This work includes bridge design, replacement and strengthening works, culvert design and replacement stonework repairs to parapets, arches and the like.
- 4.11 Materials and specifications are continually reviewed to ensure compliance with industry standards.
- 4.12 The projects included in the Roads Improvement Plan are subject to change depending on changes in the condition of the road network.
- 4.13 Progress on implementation of the roads Improvement plan will continue to be reported to the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 By virtue of the relevant statutory provisions principally detailed within the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Council as local roads authority is required to manage and maintain all publicly adopted roads within its geographical area other than those which are maintained and managed by the Scottish Ministers. Accordingly, the proposals detailed within this report are in compliance with the discharge of the statutory responsibilities which are incumbent upon the Council as local roads authority.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report. All works will be carried out in-house or under the 3G Roads Minor Works Framework Contract

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Road Improvement Plan for 2022/23 detailed in [Appendix 1](#) - Works programme will be funded from the Roads Capital and Revenue budget allocations

and grant funding subject to Council approval on 3 March 2022. Progress will continue to be reported to the Ayrshire Shared Service Joint Committee.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 There are no direct human resource Issues.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 A delay in the delivery of the carriageway and footway structural maintenance, and street lighting programmes will expose the Council to potential risks with regard to the deteriorating condition of the road and lighting network. This may have a detrimental effect on the SPI for road condition and on the reduction targets for roads accidents.

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 3](#).

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitments 5 and 6 of the Council Plan: Stand up for South Ayrshire/ Increase the profile and reputation of South Ayrshire and the Council; and A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities

13. Results of Consultation

13.1 Engagement arrangements for these projects will align with the report.

13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Director - Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| Implementation of the Road Improvement Plan | 31 March 2023 | Head of Roads |

Background Papers **Capital Investment Programme 2022-23 to 2034-35**

Report to Leadership Panel of 29 November 2016 – [Ayrshire Roads Alliance – Engagement Arrangements and Update on Matters Relating to Holmston Road Cycleway](#)

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**Appendix 1 - South Ayrshire Council- Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Carriageway Structural Maintenance Capital Programme over two years 2022/24**

Works Carried Over From 2021

| Route No | Town | Road Name | Works Description | Scheme Score | Estimated Cost |
|----------|------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| Uncl | Ayr | Sannox View | Full Length | N/A | £76,230 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Viewfield Road | Full length | N/A | £58,905 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Hunters Avenue | T Lights to Northfield | N/A | £129,150 |
| Uncl | Prestwick | Kyle Street | Full length | N/A | £54,180 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Dalminging Drive | Full length | N/A | £71,904 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Taylor Street | Full Length | N/A | £109,141 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Carrick Avenue | Full Length | N/A | £100,947 |
| Uncl | Ayr | St Phillans Avenue | Full Length | N/A | £222,755 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Southpark Road | Full Length + fway works? | N/A | £125,364 |
| A719 | By Maybole | Maidens Ayr | North of Humeston | N/A | £98,572 |
| B734 | Old Dailly | Barr Old Dailly | Old Dailly to Penkill + drainage improvements | N/A | £108,000 |
| B7035 | By Girvan | Glendoune Houdston Road (Coalpots) | Braetoll South + S Power shut down | N/A | £100,500 |
| Uncl | Dailly | Back Road | Full Length | N/A | £107,646 |
| Uncl | Girvan | Carrick Street | Full Length | N/A | £44,499 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Kersepark Footway | Full length one side | N/A | £41,250 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Arthur Street Footway | Full | N/A | £26,186 |
| B7023 | Crosshill | King Street Footway | Shop side full length | N/A | £27,364 |
| C31 | Crosshill | Kirkmichael Road Footway | By Community Centre | N/A | £8,250 |
| Uncl | Girvan | Hawthorn Drive Footway | | N/A | £57,112 |

Surface Dressing Works –Proposed 2023/24

| | | | | | |
|------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----|--|
| U72 | By Dundonald | Crooks | Full Length | N/A | |
| U99 | By Symington | Dundonald Symington | C32 to U98 Corraith | N/A | |
| C115 | By Tarbolton | Parkmill Road | Parkmill to C114 | N/A | |
| C114 | By Tarbolton | Largie Road | 2 sections | N/A | |
| B744 | By Tarbolton | Tarbolton/Crosshands | C114 to Auchinweet | N/A | |
| C74 | By Ayr | Macnairston Road | Macnairston to Lochfergus | N/A | |
| C122 | By Minishant | School Road | Full Length | N/A | |
| C60 | By Maybole | Ladycross | Full Length | N/A | |
| C39 | By Ayr | Corton Road | A77 to Equestrian Centre | N/A | |

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|--|---------------|---|--|-----|----------|
| C29 | By Maybole | North Water of Girvan - Maybole Road | 30 mph Maybole south to U3 | N/A | |
| U2 | By Maybole | Auchencross | C29 to Railway Bridge | N/A | |
| U25 | By Dailly | Delamford | B741 to Hadyard Hill | N/A | |
| U56 | Girvan | Golf Course Road | Newton Kennedy Br. to Knockvalley Cottages | N/A | |
| C102 | By Kirkoswald | Balvaired | Full Length | N/A | |
| Carriageway Resurfacing Works 2022/24 | | | | | |
| A719 | By Tarbolton | Failtoll Crossroads | By Lilylaw Farm | N/A | £173,875 |
| A759 | Dundonald | Bypass Road, Dundonald | Auchans to Palmer Mount | 61 | £219,000 |
| B730 | By Symington | B730 Tarbolton/Dundonald | Dankeith to B751 Junction | 53 | £158,763 |
| B730 | By Dundonald | B730 Bogend/A77(T) - Tarbolton Road/Dundonald, Dundonald | Slough Bridge to Tarbolton Road Dundonald | 53 | £265,500 |
| C92(C8) | By Craigie | Plewlands Road | Full Length incl part C8 to A719 | 47 | £139,040 |
| Uncl | Troon | Queens Drive | Full Length | 42 | £35,640 |
| B744 | By Tarbolton | B744 Garden Street/Tarbolton - Council Boundary, Tarbolton | From Barrmuirhill east to Auchinweet | 69 | £159,000 |
| B743 | By Mossblown | Ayr / Mossblown? | West from Brocklehill Farm | 53 | £271,250 |
| C115 | By Tarbolton | C115 Montgomerie Street/Tarbolton - C114 Jcn Sw Of Barhill, Mauchline | From Fail Bridge westwards | 50 | £123,200 |
| C37 | Auchincruive | Barrackhall Gibbseyard | TBC | 48 | £134,400 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Salt pans Road | North from Glebe Road | 46 | £48,750 |
| Uncl | Tarbolton | Springfield Road | Garden Street to No 50 | 46 | £35,200 |
| Uncl | Prestwick | Morris Road | Full Road | 43 | £34,320 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Green Street | Waggon Road to Crown Street | 42 | £67,760 |
| Uncl | Prestwick | Craigie Street | Full length | 39 | £11,638 |
| C74 | By Ayr | Macnairston Road | C105 to B742 Junction | 52 | £92,960 |

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|-------|------------|---|--|-----|----------|
| B744 | By Annbank | B744 Jcn At B742 N Of Annbank - B743, Annbank | from B743 junction south-westwards | 63 | £120,000 |
| B742 | By Coylton | B742 Council Boundary - A70/Hillhead, Coylton | By Holebogs, S bend | 59 | £45,000 |
| B742 | By Coylton | B742 Council Boundary - A70/Hillhead, Coylton | From A70 at Hillhead south to C21 Craigs Road junction | 56 | £57,000 |
| B744 | Annbank | Weston Avenue | Craighall Way to 101 Weston Avenue | 56 | £70,875 |
| B742 | By Coylton | B742 A70 Hillhead - B744 Jcn N Of Annbank, Coylton | From Meadowhead Depot entrance south-wards | 55 | £97,500 |
| B744 | Annbank | Weston Brae | Full Length | 53 | £58,125 |
| B744 | Annbank | Browns Crescent | Full Length | 53 | £28,125 |
| B742 | By Coylton | B742 A70 Hillhead - B744 Jcn N Of Annbank, Coylton | Bridge of Coyle to C2 | 52 | £190,500 |
| B744 | By Annbank | B744 Belston/A70 - Weston Avenue/Annbank, Ayr | Auchincruive Junction to Glenview | 52 | £91,250 |
| U77 | By Coylton | Hole Road | Full Length | 46 | £43,360 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Ellisland Square | Full Length | 42 | £58,806 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Chapel Park Road | Full Length | 40 | £53,319 |
| B742 | By Maybole | B742 Jcn Of A77(T) Ne Of Maybole - Council Boundary S Of Dalrymple, Maybole | From B7045 junction westwards | N/A | £66,845 |
| A719 | By Dunure | A719 Smithy Bridge/Dunure - Croy Brae, Dunure | By Humeston, Castlehill woods to Pennyglen | 70 | £93,800 |
| A719 | By Dunure | A719 Smithy Bridge/Dunure - Croy Brae, Dunure | Cemetery to Drumshang | 67 | £182,000 |
| A719 | By Maidens | A719 Pennyglen/B7023 - Kirkoswald Road/Maidens, Maidens | Morrison Farm to Jct Blawearie | 56 | £186,000 |
| A719 | By Maidens | A719 Turnberry Road/Maidens - Maidens Road/Maidens, Turnberry | Maidens to Turnberry | 56 | £232,500 |
| B7023 | Maybole | Crosshill Road | Full Length | 56 | £56,250 |
| B7023 | Maybole | St Cuthbert's Road | Full Length | 53 | £28,125 |
| B7024 | Maybole | Alloway Road | Redbrae to Bypass | 51 | £71,250 |

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|-------|---------------|---|---|----|----------|
| C122 | By Maybole | C122 Gardenrose Path/Maybole - School Road/Minishant, Maybole | School to new Bypass | 50 | £18,150 |
| C122 | By Maybole | C122 Gardenrose Path/Maybole - School Road/Minishant, Maybole | Ladycross to new Bypass | 50 | £24,192 |
| B7023 | Maybole | Crosshill Road | Full Length | 56 | £56,250 |
| B7023 | Maybole | Maybole Crosshill | 30mph Maybole to jcn C58 | 72 | £323,840 |
| A714 | Barrhill | Main Street | Full Length | 61 | £148,800 |
| B7027 | Barrhill | Knowe road | Jcn A714 to Dusk mill area. | 58 | £53,808 |
| B741 | Dailly | Girvan/Dailly | Bargany | 55 | £105,840 |
| C29 | Maybole | North Water of Girvan/Maybole Road | Wallacetown to Ruglen various locations | 55 | £136,125 |
| U52 | Pinwherry | Muck road | Various TBC | 52 | £76,800 |
| C45 | Ballantrae | Héronsford Road | A77- Laggan | 48 | £56,840 |
| U6 | By Ballantrae | Balkissock | Full length | 44 | £101,482 |

Footway Resurfacing Works 2022/24

| | | | | | |
|------|-----------|-----------------|--|----|---------|
| Uncl | Troon | Fullarton Drive | No 19 to No 37 | 30 | £16,500 |
| B730 | Dundonald | Drybridge Road | Bowling Green to Kilnford Dr | 28 | £14,500 |
| B730 | Dundonald | Drybridge Road | Kilnford Drive to A759 | 28 | £33,600 |
| C492 | Troon | Bentinck Drive | No 97 to No 121 | 28 | £20,000 |
| Uncl | Prestwick | Outdale Avenue | F/path Sherwood Road side , both sides | 30 | £38,300 |
| C17 | Tarbolton | Westport | Footway North side | 28 | £17,370 |
| B743 | Mossblown | Mauchline Road | Fourways to Railway Bridge North side | 28 | £15,300 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Content Avenue | South Side full length (College Side) | 28 | £8,400 |
| Uncl | Mossblown | Martin Avenue | | 28 | £15,300 |
| Uncl | Prestwick | Hunters Avenue | South from Heathfield Road, west side | 23 | £7,500 |

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|------|-----------|-------------------|---|----|-------------------|
| Uncl | Ayr | Bellevue Crescent | | 34 | £37,800 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Hawthorn Drive | | 30 | £62,000 |
| B742 | Annbank | Weston Brae | | 28 | £10,700 |
| Uncl | Maidens | Ardlochan Road | | 30 | £20,000 |
| Uncl | Maybole | Hicks Avenue | No 2 to No 94 | 30 | £28,980 |
| Uncl | Maybole | Queens Terrace | No 17 to No 39 + cway see separate entry | 28 | £18,000 |
| Uncl | Maybole | Kingcraig Avenue | No 2 to No 32 + cway see separate entry | 28 | £22,800 |
| Uncl | Ayr | Lochpark | slab replacement | 23 | £20,425 |
| C151 | Dailly | Woodside | Both sides from Back St and Hadyard Terr | 30 | £20,400 |
| Uncl | Dailly | Church Crescent | Odd number side full length | 30 | £16,000 |
| Uncl | Crosshill | Newton Street | Church Side of road | 30 | £15,795 |
| Uncl | Dailly | Hadyard Terrace | Inside footway + part outer section | 28 | £54,400 |
| | | | TOTAL | | £6,928,827 |

**South Ayrshire Council- Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Lighting Programme 2022/23**

| Town | Location | Work Type | No of columns | Estimated Programme Cost |
|-----------|--|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| Ayr | James Street and Area | Carry forward from 2021/22 | 30 | £62k |
| Ayr | Auchendoon Crescent and various Service Roads | No existing lighting | 7 | £17k |
| Ayr | Dalmilling Road (Phase 2) | 5th Core supplies | 9 | £15k |
| Ayr | Sannox Road & Place (Phase 2) | 5th Core supplies | 8 | £20k |
| Maybole | Greenside (Phase 2) | Concrete columns | 9 | £20k |
| Prestwick | Mossbank | Old steel columns and 5th Core supplies (ongoing section faults) | 24 | £50k |
| Troon | Barassiebank Lane (part), Muir Dr and Wallace Dr | Concrete columns | 14 | £30k |
| | | | | £214k |

**South Ayrshire Council- Ayrshire Roads Alliance
LED Lighting Programme 2022/23**

| Town | Description | Remaining |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Ayr | - | 192 |
| Girvan | - | 38 |
| Maybole | - | 12 |
| Prestwick | - | 19 |
| Troon | - | 9 |
| Total | - | 270 |

**South Ayrshire Council- Ayrshire Roads Alliance
EV Charging Programme 2022/23 Externally Funded.**

| Town | Description | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Barrhill Community Car Park | 7Kw | £13,850 |
| Kirkoswald Main St Car Park | 22Kw | £13,090 |
| Tarbolton Community Campus | 22kw | £13,960 |
| Girvan Chalmers Arcade | 3x 7kw | £29,830 |
| Dundonald Activity Centre | 22kw | £13,450 |
| Mossblown Activity Centre | 22kw | £15,572 |
| | Total | £99,752 |

**South Ayrshire Council- Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Traffic and Transportation Programme 2022/23**

| Calculated Funding Totals | Sub-Bid | Match Detail | Total Bids | Project Description | Comments |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|---|--|
| SPT | £39,000 | Match | £500,000 | Access for All Review Coylton | |
| | £400,000 | Match | | Alloway to Burton Construction | |
| | £11,000 | Match | | Dundonald to Barrasie Link Ph1 Construction | |
| | £50,000 | No Match | | SQP Various Projects | |
| Sustrans – Places for Everyone | £120,000 | Match | £262,543 | Access for All Review Coylton | Uncertainty Over Sustrans Bid 22/23 |
| | £100,000 | Match | | Alloway to Burton Construction | Uncertainty Over Sustrans Bid 22/23 |
| | £42,543 | Match | | Dundonald to Barrasie Link Ph1 Construction | Uncertainty Over Sustrans Bid 22/23 |
| | £0.00 | No Match | £0.00 | Loans to Troon Railway Station | New Bid depending on outcome of consultation/ public event |
| Sustrans – Cycle Shelter Fund | £10,000 | Direct Match | £10,000 | School Cycle Shelters | |
| SCSP | £158,150 | Hub Match | £158,150 | Active Travel Hub Ayr | |
| SAC in Kind | £0.00 | - | | Active Travel Hub Ayr | |
| CWSR | £41,000 | Match | £491,000 | Access for All Review Coylton | |
| | £250,000 | Match | | Alloway to Burton Construction | |
| | £40,000 | Match | | Signalisation B746 Kilmarnock Rd/Lang Rd/Commonwealth Dr Junction | |
| | £50,000 | Match | | Dundonald to Barrasie Link Ph1 Construction | |
| | £10,000 | Direct Match | | School Cycle Shelters | |
| CWSR | £20,000 | Hub Match | £100,000 | HUB Match Station Rd Dunure | |
| | £20,000 | Hub Match | | Hub Match -TBC | |
| | £20,000 | Hub Match | | Hub Match -TBC | |
| | £20,000 | Hub Match | | Hub Match -TBC | |
| | £20,000 | Hub Match | | Hub Match -TBC | |
| | | | | | |

| Calculated Funding Totals | Sub-Bid | Match Detail | Total Bids | Project Description | Comments |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Developer Contribution | £130,000 | Match | £130,000 | Signalisation B746 Kilmarnock Rd/Lang Rd/Commonwealth Dr Junction | Total Dev Contribution amount available TBC |
| | | Total | £1,551,693 | | |
| ARA New Signals | £230,000 | Match | £200,000 | Signalisation B746 Kilmarnock Rd/Lang Rd/Commonwealth Dr Junction | |
| | | Total | £1,751,693 | | |

**South Ayrshire Council-Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Traffic and Transportation Signal Replacement 2022/23**

| Signal No | Town | Description | Work Type | Estimated Programmed Cost |
|--------------|------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAS 15 | Ayr | Castlehill Rd/Chalmers Rd | Junction Replacement | £60,000 |
| SA59 | Ayr | Whitletts Road/Craigie Rd | Junction Replacement | £50,000 |
| SA17 | Ayr | Whitletts Rd/Mainholm Rd | Junction Replacement | £45,000 |
| SAP1 | Ayr | Holmston Rd | Pedestrian Crossing Replacement | £35,000 |
| Total | | | | £190,000 |

**South Ayrshire Council - Ayrshire Roads Alliance
Structures Capital Programme 2022/23**

| Description | Work Type | Estimated Programme Cost |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|
| A79-30 | Victoria Bridge Joint Replacement and waterproofing | £300,000 |
| A79-30 | Victoria Bridge Concrete Repairs and Painting | £490,571 |
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| | | £790,571 |

Appendix 2 – Further Background

1. Condition of the Road Network

- 1.1 The Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) commissioned by the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) on behalf of all Local Authorities in Scotland began in 2002. The surveys cover all local authority A class roads in both directions every two years; all B and C class roads in both directions every four years; and a 10% sample of unclassified roads in one direction every year. This allows a direct year-on-year comparison for the A class road network.
- 1.2 The results of the survey are used to classify the road network into one of three categories:
- Green – roads are in a satisfactory condition.
 - Amber – roads requiring further investigation and/ or monitoring.
 - Red – roads where maintenance operations are likely to be required.
- 1.3 A Road Condition Index (RCI) is derived from two years survey data and it is the sum of the red and amber categories. The RCI has been adopted as the Statutory Performance Indicator for the condition of the local road network and it is defined as ‘the percentage of the road network which should be considered for maintenance treatment’. An increase in the figure indicates deterioration in the road condition. The lower the value the better the road condition.
- 1.4 Table 1 summarises the RCI results from the SRMCS over the last seven years and the budget allocated to Carriageway Structural Maintenance.

Table 1: Road Condition Index 2014/16 – 2020/22

| Two Year Condition | 2014/16 | 2015/17 | 2016/18 | 2017/19 | 2018/20 | 2019/21 | 2020/22 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Scottish Average | 37.0% | 36.4% | 36.7% | 36.3% | 35.8% | 35.5% | 34.2% |
| South Ayrshire | 44.2% | 42.3% | 41.0% | 41.3% | 40.6% | 40.9% | 39.0% |
| South Ayrshire Ranking | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Quartile | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Average Annual Spend on Surfacing | £2.0m | £1.5m | £2.0m | £2.5m | £2.5m | £2.5m | |

- 1.5 Table 2 below shows the RCI for each category of road.

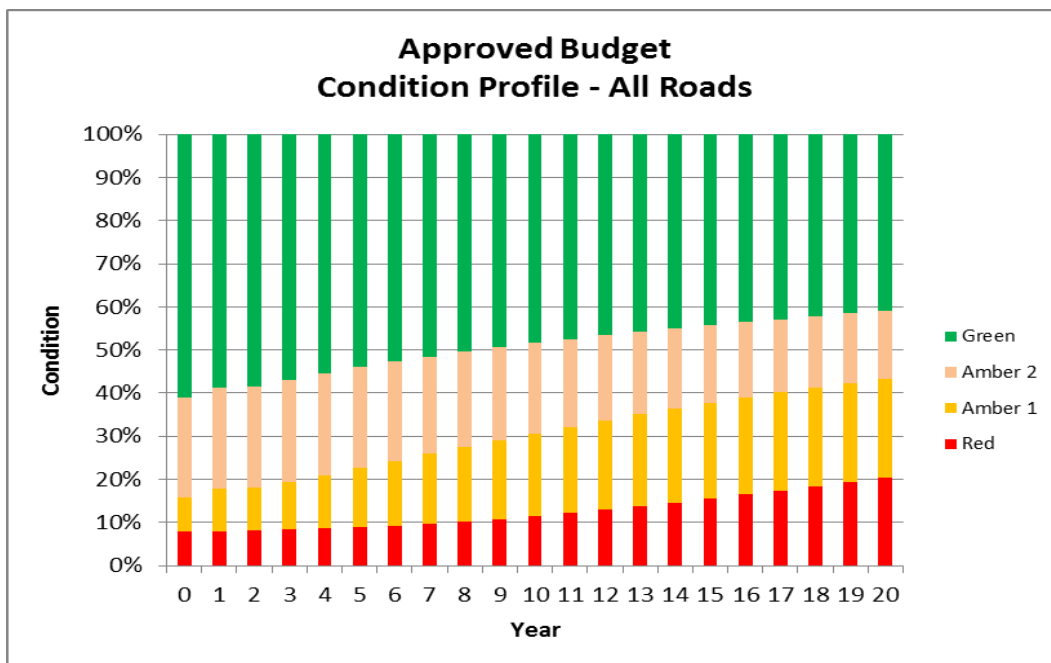
Table 2: South Ayrshire Road Condition Index by Category 2014/16 – 2020/22

| RCI | Overall | A Class | B Class | C Class | U Class |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2020/22 | 34.2% | 28.9% | 34.4% | 37.9% | 42.9% |
| 2019/21 | 40.9% | 34.1% | 37.3% | 40.8% | 43.4% |
| 2018/20 | 40.6% | 34.1% | 36.9% | 42.2% | 42.4% |

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2017/19 | 41.3% | 36.1% | 38.1% | 42.4% | 42.9% |
| 2016/18 | 41.0% | 38.2% | 40.7% | 41.4% | 41.4% |
| 2015/17 | 42.3% | 38.6% | 43.9% | 40.2% | 43.3% |
| 2014/16 | 44.2% | 41.7% | 48.9% | 43.9% | 43.3% |

- 1.6 The development of the Road Asset Management Plan and the adoption of the WDM roads management system provides improved resources to address the backlog and deal with any surface defects detected. Additional WDM modules were introduced and developed in 2017 in relation to project scheme builder and a new customer care package was introduced in July 2020 for public access.
- 1.7 In addition to road condition which is determined through the SRMCS, this work establishes the current value required to be spent to maintain the road network in a steady state condition, and the current backlog to enable the roads in South Ayrshire to achieve a road condition index of 10%. The steady state value is £5.7m per year and the backlog figure is £46.4m. It has recently been reported that investment nationally over the last seven years has seen a 26% reduction. Continued reduction in budgets will see a further increase in the current backlog figure. The allocation of £2.5m for carriageway resurfacing in 2022/23 falls short of the steady state value but some elements of revenue funding, such as structural patching and surface screeding, contributes directly to improve the road condition thereby reducing the funding gap. The increased investment between 2015 and 2018 addressed the immediate problems that presented at that time, but the overall network continues to have a significant backlog of improvement required,
- 1.8 The SRMCS work also estimates how the road condition may change over the coming years if the structural maintenance budget remains at the proposed level without further additional investment. This table does not include the budget allocated from revenue for structural patching and surface dressing.

Table 3: Condition Profile



- 1.9 The RCI is predicted to deteriorate over future years without increased investment. As the road condition deteriorates more expensive treatments become necessary. This impacts on a static budget as inflationary pressures increase the treatment costs and results in less of the network being resurfaced. The risk to the Council

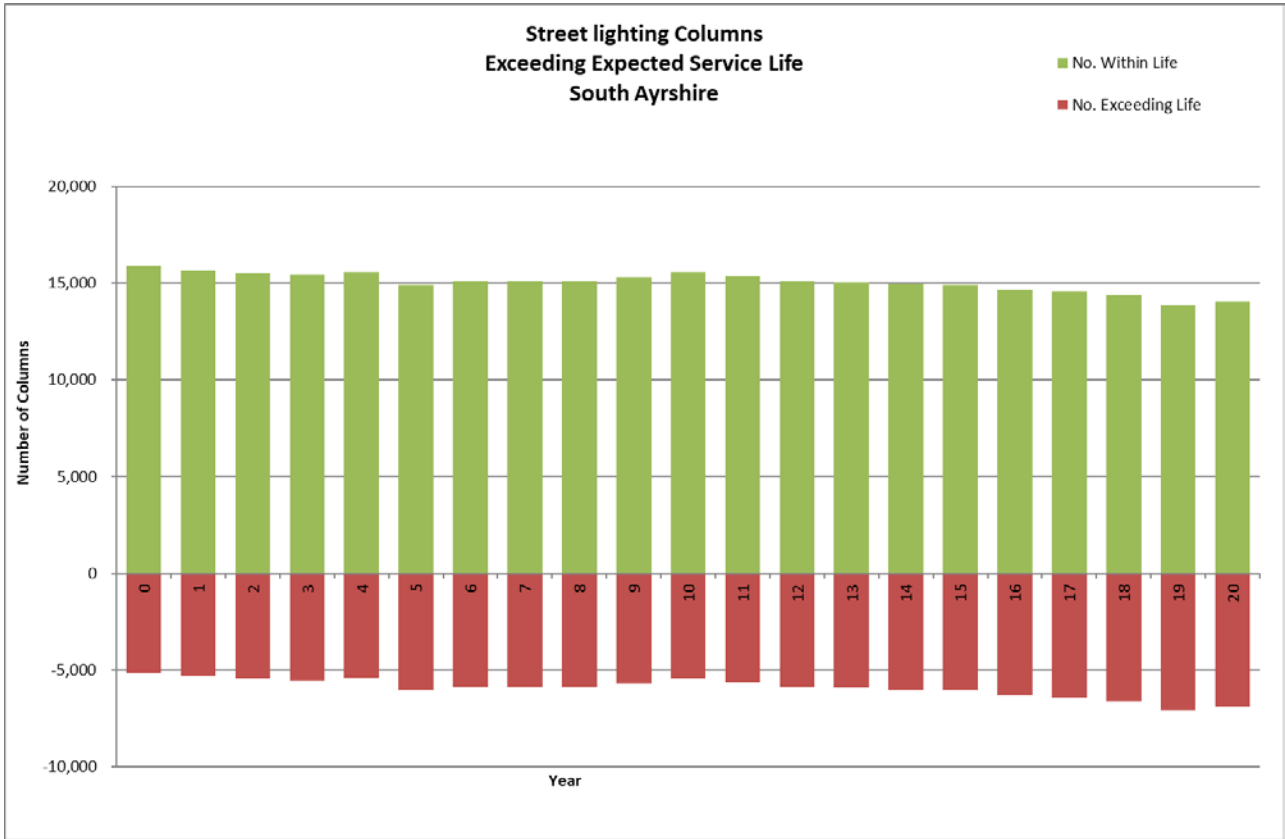
will be managed by implementing a robust carriageway inspection regime, ensuring that potholes are repaired as quickly as possible, implementing a programme of structural patching in addition to the carriageway resurfacing and screeding programmes and consider the use of alternative materials to undertake carriageway repairs.

- 1.10 For this year's programme, engineers' assessment surveys of the A, B, C and U class road networks have been completed, as has a similar exercise on the urban footway network. Using this information, inspection records, comments received from Elected Members and the general public from the consultation exercise outlined above and the data from the SRMCS, a number of carriageway and footway schemes have been identified and prioritised using the Scheme Ranking Systems for inclusion in the Structural Maintenance Programme for 2022/23.
- 1.11 The estimated costs against the individual schemes in the programme are based on the nominal lengths and current market rates. For 2022/23, projects will be brought forward up to the limit of the current allocation and schemes listed to be implemented in future years may be brought forward, should funding allow. Conversely, the number of individual schemes may be reduced if the available budget is insufficient.
- 1.12 Any additional schemes which the Ayrshire Roads Alliance are considering for future years are reviewed as part of the ongoing process for compiling future programmes. These schemes will be prioritised along with other schemes identified throughout the year from inspection reports.
- 1.13 The schemes identified meet the criteria for inclusion in the various programmes. It is noted that weather conditions contribute to deteriorating road conditions, and works carried out by the statutory undertakers make result in amendments being required to the programme. Accordingly, it may be necessary to re-prioritise the named schemes and include other relevant schemes dependent on the current road conditions during 2022/23.
- 1.14 The Council maintained the investment in our Roads and Bridge Assets over the past two years as part of a longer term improvement plan. The Roads Surfacing and Infrastructure programme for 2021/22 made good progress across South Ayrshire despite COVID, however, some projects were carried forward from 2020/21 due to the initial lockdown. The RCI continues to improve within South Ayrshire
- 1.15 Material shortage was experienced during 2021 and this was managed working closely with contractors and amending the programme to suit. Increased costs were also an issue with Coal Tar having an impact this year and will in future years on sites that were developed pre-1984. It is envisaged that rising costs will be an issue in 2022/23 as a result of increased bitumen costs and vehicles no longer permitted to be fuelled with Red Diesel.

Condition of Road Lighting

- 1.14 In 2020/21, 26% of street lighting columns were over 30 years old. At current capital investment levels this is expected to increase over the coming years with 33% achieved by 2041. 163 columns (less than 1%) were replaced in 2020/21 whereas to keep within a 30 year service life, the figure should be around 650 (3%)

Table 4 Streetlighting Condition



South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: [Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty](#)

Further guidance is available here: [Assessing impact and the Public Sector Equality Duty: a guide for public authorities \(Scotland\)](#)

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. See information here: [Interim Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018.

1. Policy details

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Policy Title | South Ayrshire Council Road Improvement Plan 2022/23 |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Kevin Braidwood, Head of Roads - Kevin.Braidwood@ayrshireroadsalliance.org |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | No | Yes |
| Disability | No | Yes |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | No | Yes |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | No | Yes |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | No | Yes |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | No | Yes |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | No | Yes |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | No | Yes |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | No | Yes |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | No | Yes |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | - |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | - |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | - |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
|---|---|
| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | High positive impact. SAC shall be seen to offer facilities which encourage tourists and positive impacts on the local economy. |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | No adverse impact identified. Low |

5. Summary Assessment

| | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <p>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)</p> | <p>— YES</p> <p>NO</p> |
| <p>Rationale for decision:</p> <p>There are no negative implications associated with these proposals which are designed to deal with known issues around unregulated parking. All objectives shall be applied to ensure equality in approach and inclusion</p> | |

Signed : Kevin Braidwood

Head of Roads

Date: 24 February 2022

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Director – Place
to Leadership Panel
of 8 March 2022**

Subject: South Ayrshire Council’s Active Travel Strategy

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members’ approval of an Active Travel Strategy for South Ayrshire Council, following a three month consultation draft process.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel approves the Active Travel Strategy included as Appendix 1.

3. Background

3.1 The Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA), on behalf of the Council, have been working on the development of an Active Travel Strategy – a document which ultimately is intended to be a companion document to the Council’s next Local Transport Strategy. The Active Travel Strategy is intended to help identify and deliver an active travel masterplan for South Ayrshire over the forthcoming years.

3.2 A draft of the Active Travel Strategy was previously approved by Members at the 24 August 2021 Leadership Panel, and was subsequently published as a consultation draft for a period of three months to allow a final round of public consultation on the contents of the strategy.

3.3 This report presents the Active Travel Strategy for Panel consideration, included as Appendix 1, along with a summary of comments received through the final consultation exercise, included as Appendix 2.

3.4 The Active Travel Strategy will provide a holistic approach to the promotion of active travel in South Ayrshire through a combination of behaviour change initiatives and new or enhanced infrastructure.

4. Proposals

4.1 The Strategy identifies six key objectives which will help encourage active travel. These objectives are: Education; Connectivity; Health; Safety; Accessibility; and Place. These objectives closely align with objectives identified in the Council’s Our People, Our Place Council Plan 2018-22.

- 4.2 The Strategy incorporates data and feedback from a number of sources which build on the objectives identified above to develop an Action Plan which is divided into the following five sections:
- 4.2.1 **Projects** – this section of the Action Plan identifies new or improved links between specific settlements or areas;
 - 4.2.2 **Infrastructure** – this section looks at improvements to existing facilities such as cycle racks, crossing points, reduced speed limits, etc;
 - 4.2.3 **Policy** – identifying ways in which adoption of specific policy measures may be able to positively encourage active travel;
 - 4.2.4 **Education** – identifying ways to achieve positive behaviour change among all road users with respect to active travel; and
 - 4.2.5 **Schemes** – which may include specific initiatives such as bike loans, active travel tourism, bike-to-work schemes, etc.
- 4.3 A review of the Strategy was undertaken to ensure that cognisance was taken of all feedback received as part of the Consultation Draft process. The amendments made to the Strategy document in response to this feedback is contained in a summary document included as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 4.4 Additional feedback was also provided at a Members Briefing held on 3 March 2022 – this resulted in agreement on several additions to the Strategy which could not be incorporated in time for inclusion in this paper, but would be included prior to final publication. The specifics of these updates are covered below.
- 4.5 Within the **Projects** section of the Strategy Action Plan the following projects would be added:
- A new/ enhanced shared use route for walking and cycling linking **Maybole and Minishant**;
 - Upgrading of facilities along **Girvan Shorefront** to provide enhanced facilities for walking and cycling between the A77(T) and Girvan Harbour;
 - A project review of new or enhanced facilities for walking and cycling between rural settlements in **Carrick**; and
 - A new shared use route linking **Prestwick and Auchincruive**.
- 4.6 Within the **Infrastructure** section of the Strategy Action Plan the following elements would be added:
- The development of **Active Place Plans** for all South Ayrshire towns and villages - these plans would seek to identify specific measures and initiatives for implementation to promote active travel at a local level;
 - The development of a **Catch All List** of minor improvements for all South Ayrshire settlements to achieve active travel “quick wins”, that would be programmed on an annual basis.

4.7 Within the **Campaigns** section of the Strategy Action Plan the following elements would be added:

- The promotion of existing rural routes for walking and cycling.

4.8 The intention of the Strategy would be to pursue the implementation of the items within the Action Plan over the next 10 years, with interventions funded by external grant monies as made available from funding bodies from one year to the next.

4.9 The Strategy is intended to be a living document which can be amended over its life to help ensure it continues to meet the needs and aspirations of both Council and communities. This allows additional projects, measures or initiatives to be easily incorporated to help ensure parity of active travel development throughout the Council area.

4.10 It is proposed that delivery of the Strategy objectives would be overseen by a reformed Active Travel Forum consisting of Elected Members and representatives from key stakeholder groups and/ or Council Directorates. The Forum would meet quarterly each year.

4.11 As part of the ongoing review of the Active Travel Strategy, the final meeting of the Active Travel Forum each calendar year would provide a mechanism to review the contents of the Action Plan, to help ensure both content and priority continued to reflect the wishes of the Council.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

5.1 The recommendations in this report are consistent with legal requirements.

5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 The risk associated with rejecting the recommendations is that in the absence of an Active Travel Strategy external funding bodies may require greater levels of justification and supporting information to accompany future project bids.

9. Equalities

- 9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as Appendix 3.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

- 10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

- 11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitments 5 and 6 of the Council Plan: Stand up for South Ayrshire/ Increase the profile and reputation of South Ayrshire and the Council; and A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural and economic activities.

13. Results of Consultation

- 13.1 Initial stakeholder and public consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the Active Travel Strategy document. A summary of initial stakeholder and public comments was provided as an appendix in a previous paper to Panel.
- 13.2 Approval was granted by the Panel for the Active Travel Strategy to be published online for a period of 3 months as a consultation draft – this was to allow a final round of public and stakeholder comments. A summary of the comments is provided in Appendix 2 to this report.
- 13.3 Additional consultation feedback has been obtained from Elected Members via a Members' Briefing which took place on 3 March 2022.
- 13.4 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Director – Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Publication of the finalised Active Travel Strategy on both ARA and SAC websites, accompanied by a Council press release | Launch date of Monday 14 March 2022 proposed | Head of Roads |

Background Papers **Report to Leadership Panel of 11 June 2019 – [Development of an Active Travel Strategy](#)**

Report to Leadership Panel of 24 August 2021 – [South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy](#)

Request for Delegated Authority Approval – ref 007

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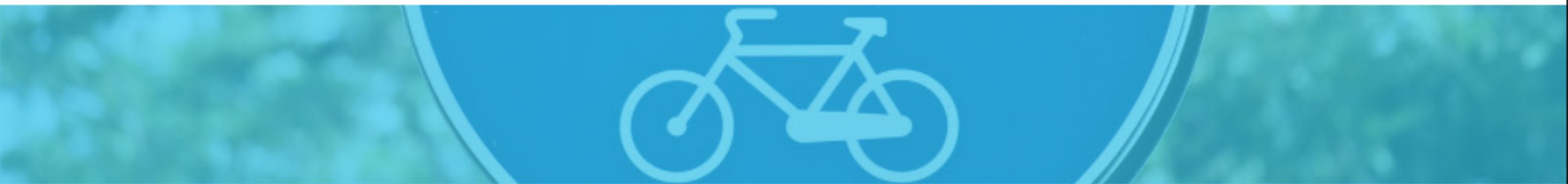
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Appendix 1

South Ayrshire

Active Travel Strategy



This document has been produced by;



on behalf of;



and associated partners;



I am delighted to present **South Ayrshire's Active Travel Strategy**, which sets out a clear and compelling vision for our Active Travel network over the next five years and beyond. Transport is the biggest contributor to noise and air pollution in the UK and it's a sector we need to focus on. From health and well-being to a cleaner environment and carbon saving, Active Travel is universally accepted as an important part of our future.

Most importantly, the Active Travel Strategy must reflect the priorities and requirements of our residents and be tailored specifically to meet the unique needs of South Ayrshire. Extensive public and stakeholder consultation have ensured the ambitions of our communities are heard. As a result of that feedback, there is a focus on making Active Travel a safe option for everyone and more specifically creating a friendly and accessible environment for children.

The Active Travel Strategy is not just about physical infrastructure to support the shift to walking and cycling, it's about changing behaviour and encouraging people to move away from unsustainable travel. As we move on from the pandemic, we need to champion a green recovery and ensure many of the sustainable habits adopted during the lockdown continue.

South Ayrshire has already made significant and progressive steps towards creating a greener society and ensuring residents grow well, live well and age well. Current projects include the regeneration of Ayr and Maybole high streets and more specific route projects including Dundonald to Barassie and the award-winning Loans to Troon route. South Ayrshire has also invested in Bikeability in schools and the Ayr Active Travel Hub which has a large presence within the community.

This strategy aims to build on the hard work already undertaken within South Ayrshire, and to better understand the needs of residents. Detailed throughout the Strategy are a range of infrastructure and behavioural change projects which will contribute towards achieving this goal. In addition to suggesting opportunities for new infrastructure, it will help to support and link to those currently and or recently implemented.

The strategy presents a framework and sets a direction for partnership working across the region and has consulted with key organisations currently active in this, such as the Ayr Active Travel Hub and South Ayrshire Paths Initiative. I look forward to seeing the projects outlined within the action plan being implemented and the subsequent positive impact on our communities.

Cllr Peter Henderson
Leader of the Council



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OVERVIEW

01

South Ayrshire Active Travel Strategy is a detailed vision for improving and supporting Active Travel in South Ayrshire. The Strategy is funded by Sustrans with the long-term goal of increasing the number of cycling, walking and wheeling journeys in South Ayrshire. Enhancing the Active Travel network is key to reducing our emissions, improving the environment and increasing accessibility, health and well-being for residents of South Ayrshire.

This Strategy supports local, regional and national policy around Active Travel and produces a tailored approach for South Ayrshire specifically, including an action plan. Proposed measures are based on findings from the consultation process and network audit. All measures were scored based on a range of criteria, from existing provision to social impact.

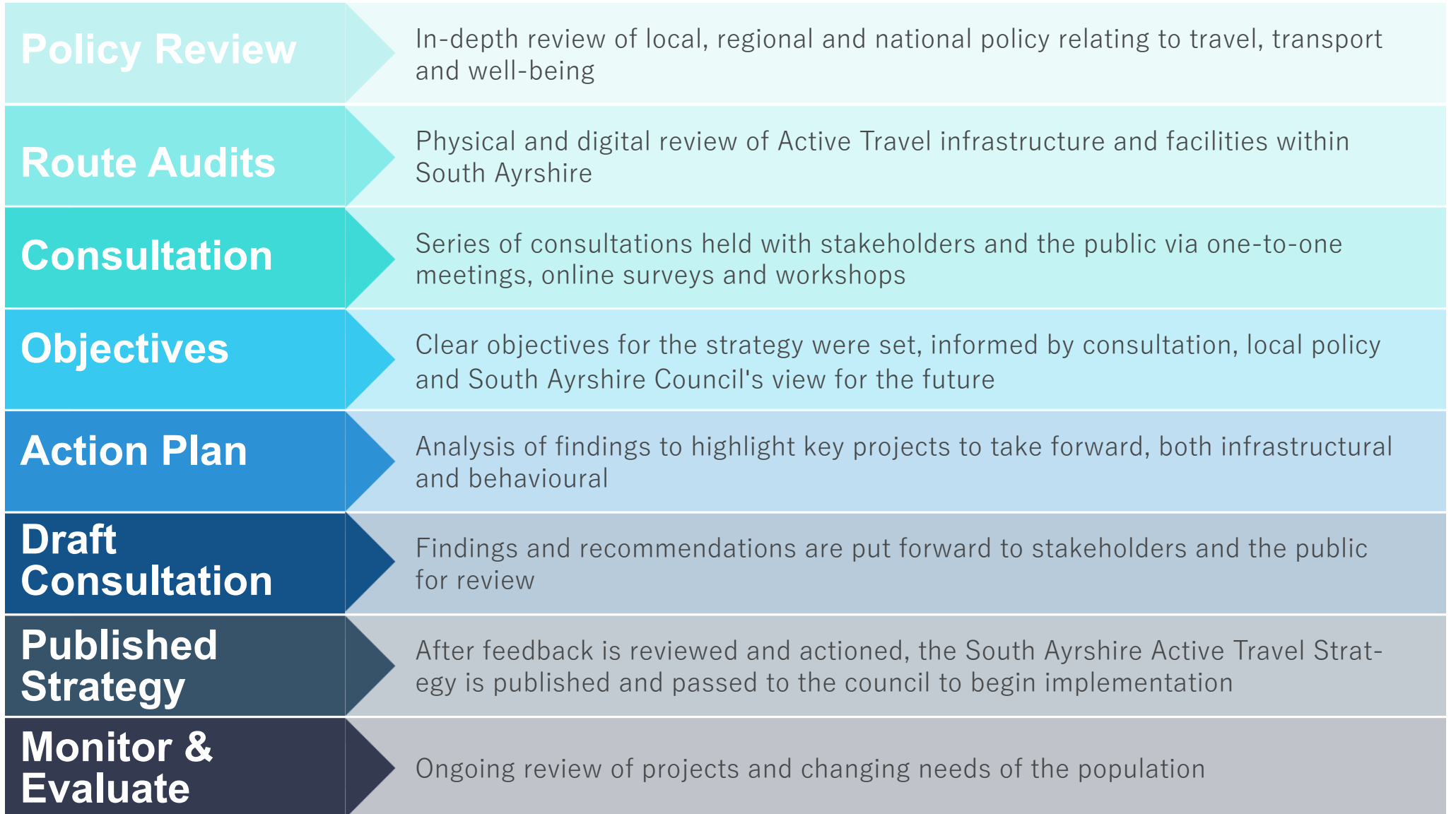
The action plan gives short, medium and long term projects for the area, highlighting areas of priority to improve the network and increase the accessibility of Active Travel for all residents in South Ayrshire. As well as evaluating infrastructure and physical measures, it also reviews suggested soft measures and behaviour change, aiming to promote more sustainable modes of travel, replacing single occupancy car use.

This Strategy has also set out a Monitoring Plan which will give an indication of the impact of the strategy and measures, as well as ensuring the situation is continually reviewed and plans adapted based on changing circumstance.

Active Travel is the use of any form of transport that involves physical activity. Although commuting and journeys to key amenities are prioritised in this report, it also takes into account the availability and benefit of leisure routes for community health and well-being, and tourism.



The strategy has been produced to ensure the local demands, needs and priorities have been realised. Achieved through engagement with Key Stakeholders and the public and through network audits. The process of preparing the strategy is shown below:



A network audit and consultation were undertaken with key stakeholders and members of the public from which 3 key themes emerged:

- **Safety**
- **Connectivity**
- **Education**

Analysis was undertaken from the survey feedback and the points plotted on an interactive mapping tool. Feedback ranged from site specific issues, such as steps along a section of cycle route, to broad issues such as conflict between users or lack of awareness of existing facilities.

When asked, those involved stated that the main barrier to increasing rates of Active Travel in the area was a **lack of safe and convenient routes**.

With this in mind, the creation and improvement of routes for those walking, wheeling or cycling became a priority. However, feedback also made clear that the community wanted to see **behaviour change measures** and improved routes of **communication** between organisations and with the public. Transparency around decision making and council expenditure was mentioned, and individuals wanted to be involved in helping shape their community.

Stakeholder and the public wanted to see measures introduced that were **accessible** to a broad cope of individuals, that would make Active Travel a feasible and enjoyable option for the many.

The Strategy sets out the actions for the next 10 years, with review due after 5years. The following section outlines the action plan and how measures were selected and ranked in terms of priority.





OBJECTIVES

02

Objectives

Through policy review and the consultation process, 6 key objectives were developed. Each objective had a clear reasoning behind it and several are linked, such as Place and Accessibility.

Education

Raise awareness of the network and the benefits of Active Travel. Crucial to improving community health and well-being and reducing conflict between users.

Connectivity

Connect main towns and villages via a coherent and joined-up network. Ensuring quality public transport and Active Travel routes to amenities, education and employment increases social equality.

Health

Reduce air pollution and increase activity levels by encouraging modal shift away from private car journeys.

Safety

Improve actual and perceived safety for those walking, wheeling and cycling, and create safe routes to schools. In line with government guidelines, all Active Travel routes should be safe for adults and children of varying ability.

Accessibility

Accessible Active Travel for all, including those with disabilities or living in areas of deprivation. Enabling all, including vulnerable road users, to access Active Travel.

Place

Rest stops and toilets, improved green space and reduced congestion aim to improve accessibility, safety and the local economy.





ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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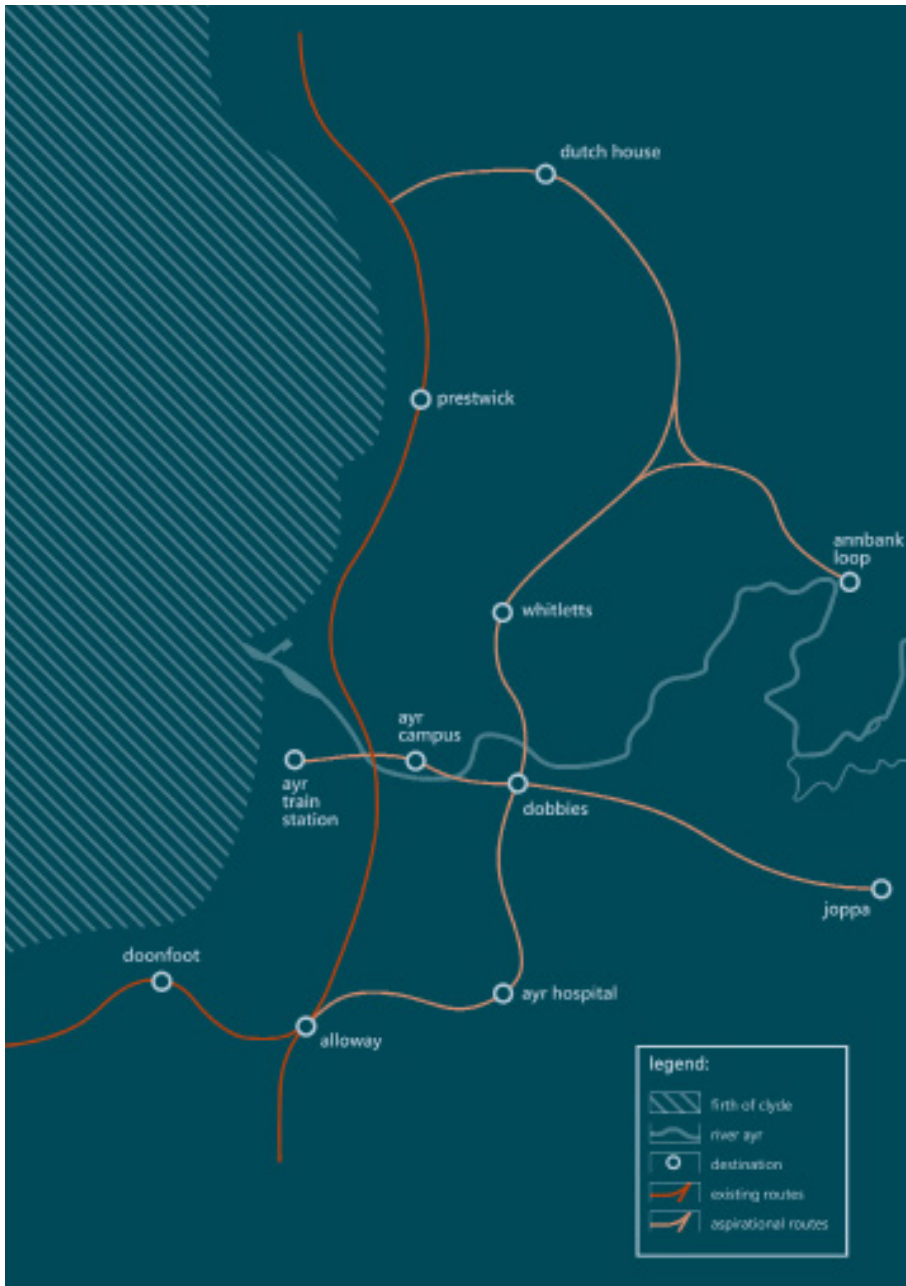
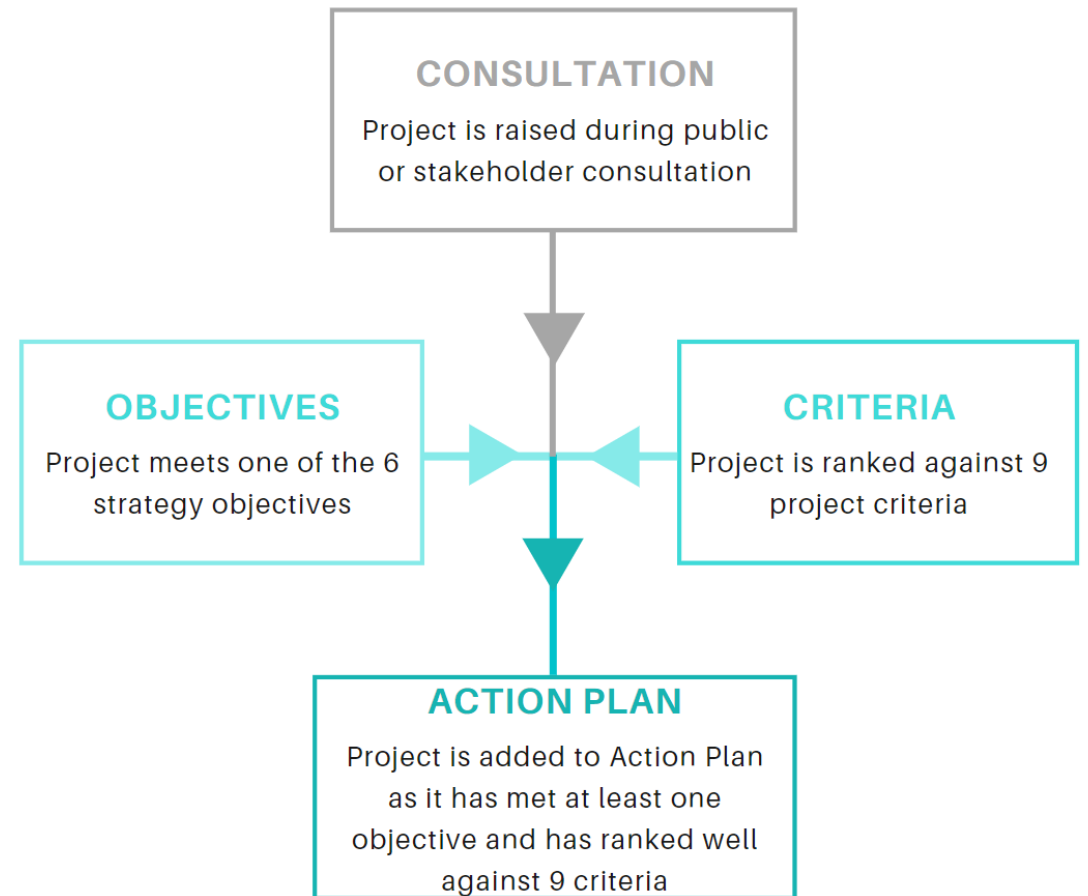


Figure 3.1: Aspirational Network

To ensure that the Action Plan was reflective of the needs and wants of South Ayrshire communities, all proposed projects and measures went through a selection process, outlined below. Scoring was undertaken to provide projects with an overall rank of Green, Yellow or Orange depending on what percentile they scored in. Scores were a collaboration between Sweco, ARA and Sustrans.



Proposed measures were scored against the following **9 criteria**, with a maximum of 5 points available per criteria. This method of ranking measures was selected so as not to favour solely projects that were in densely populated areas or that had no existing infrastructure.

Measures were assigned green, yellow or orange, depending on their score. Green indicates a very high score, yellow a high score and orange a medium score. Low scoring measures were removed from the action plan

The final rank received by a proposed measure was based on the total score from the 9 criteria. Certain categories of measures, such as policy, had criteria that were not applicable, in these instances the rankings were adjusted accordingly.

The aim of ranking was to create an Action Plan that would prioritise projects that deliver the greatest benefit. However, interventions not raised may have indirect benefit, for instance interactive pieces or art along routes can generate walking and cycling trips.

| Criteria | High - 5 | Medium - 3 | Low - 1 |
|---|---|--|--|
| Demand (Sweco Team, South Ayrshire Council, ARA, the public or Stakeholders) | This project has been highlighted through several streams. | This project has been highlighted through at least two streams | This project has been highlighted by one group |
| Volume of potential users | The project is accessible to a large proportion of wards population | Project is accessible to a fair percentage of the wards population | Project has a low number of potential users |
| Existing scenario | There is no scheme or similar that exist, or for routes that do exist, they are inappropriate with several barriers and safety concerns | There is an existing scheme or infrastructure that should be expanded or continued. For routes, the existing route can be used however presents barriers for many users. | There is a similar scheme/ infrastructure in place. For routes, the existing route can be used for Active Travel successfully by many users but certain areas can be improved. |
| Anticipated modal shift | Likely to have a large impact in enabling/encouraging cycling or for routes, connects to many key facilities and/or employment areas | Expected to be a considerable shift. For routes, the route connects to facilities and employment but those with lower/sporadic usage | Some change but not large. For routes, it has connections with fewer facilities but provides a local route |
| Links | Links directly with major transport hub such as railway/bus station or with other key cycle routes | Links with smaller transport hubs or local Active Travel routes | Does not link with transport hubs or other Active Travel routes |
| Societal Impact | Project benefits populations living in areas of socio-economic deprivation or minority groups | Project benefits populations living in areas of medium socio-economic deprivation or minority groups | Project benefits populations living in areas of relative affluence and ability |
| Cost | Likely to be under £500,000 | Likely to be between £500,000 - £2M | Likely to be over £2M |
| Funding | Likely that grant funding of at least 50% is available | Possibility that grant funding of at least 50% is available | Unlikely to get grant funding, must be Council/ARA funded |
| Deliverability | Easy to implement, e.g. Council land ownership and limited constraints | May have some constraints and/or possible private land ownership issues | Hard to deliver and implement or Involves much privately owned land |

The selection process resulted in a final **82** actions, ranging from short term to long term, falling into the following categories:

- **Projects**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Policy**
- **Education**
- **Campaigns**

Short term projects should take no longer than 2 years to implement, medium term is ~5 years and long term is ~10years.

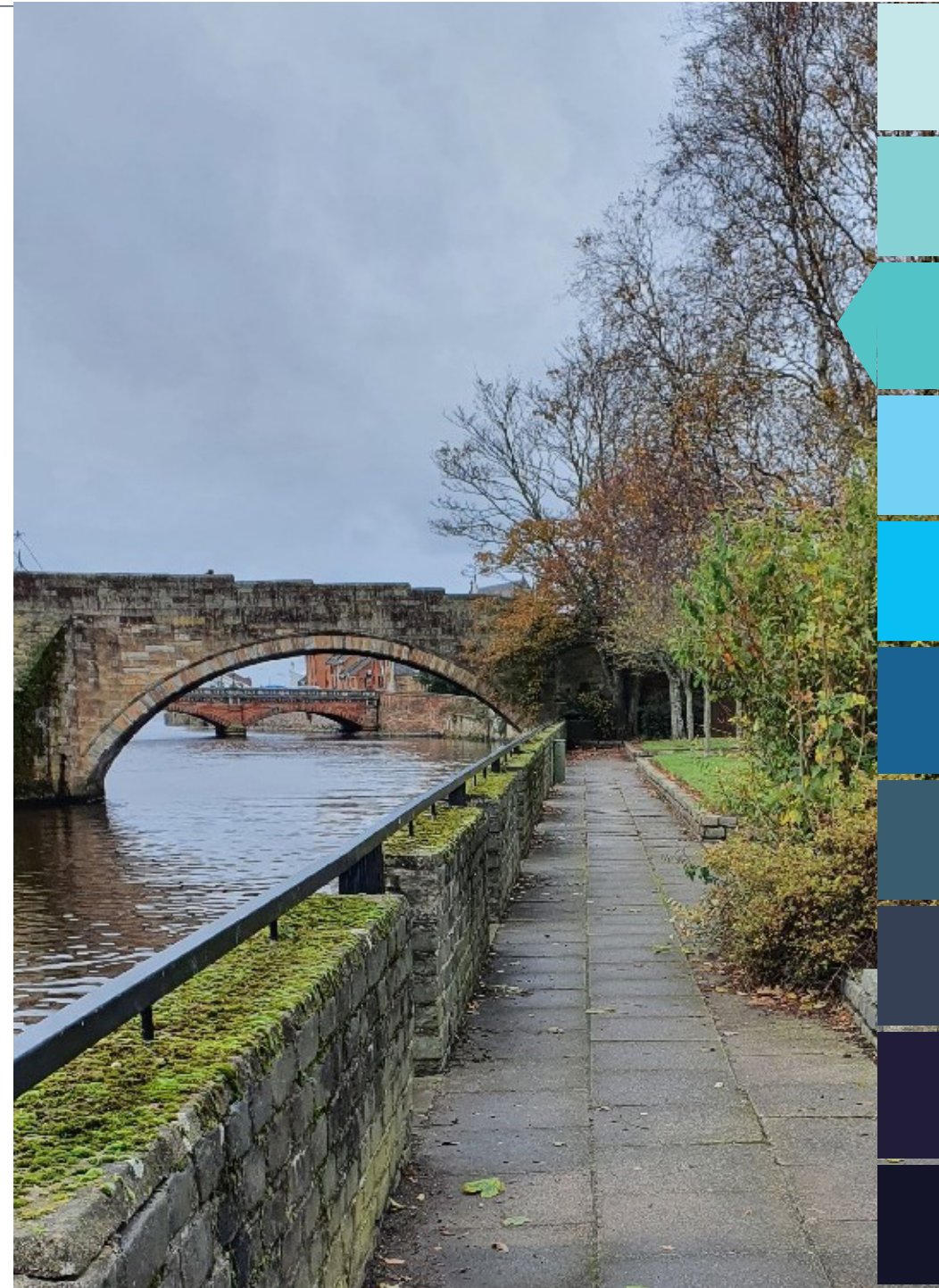
Actions ranged from specific routes or connections, to broader changes in approach to active travel delivery. For instance, stakeholders and members of the public raised issues around accessibility throughout South Ayrshire, this resulted in the introduction of a new policy of regular accessibility audits to be undertaken to capture issues.

All of the final actions related to at least one of the three key themes that were raised in consultation:

- **Safety**
- **Connectivity**
- **Education**

It is anticipated that as the action plan is implemented, further suggestions will be raised as demand and need change over time. This makes the monitoring and evaluation of plans crucial, to ensure that actions are relevant and adaptable. The ultimate responsibility of ensuring the implementation of the action plan lies with the South Ayrshire Council/ARA. However, certain actions can and should be delegated to groups such as The Ayr Travel Hub.

The Monitoring and Evaluation plan can be viewed in Chapter 11.





ACTION PLAN

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| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential users | Existing Provision | Modal shift | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Deliverability | Total | Rank | Timeline |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|----------------|-------|------|----------|
| Pro-1 | Ayr Station Link | Link between NCR7 and Ayr Train Station for those on cycles | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 43 | | Medium |
| Pro-2 | Accessible Ayr | A series of infrastructure measures to make Ayr town centre accessible for walking, wheeling and cycling | 3, 4, 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 39 | | Long |
| Pro-3 | Troon Cycle Friendly Toon | A series of infrastructure measures to make Troon town centre accessible for walking, wheeling and cycling | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 39 | | Long |
| Pro-4 | Maybole Cycle Friendly Project | A series of infrastructure measures to Maybole accessible for walking, wheeling and cycling | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 35 | | Long |
| Pro-5 | Ayr NCR7 | Create a segregated cycle lane along N. Harbour to replace the on road section of NCR7 on Main St. | 3, 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 35 | | Short |
| Pro-6 | Hospital Link | Cycle and walking route from Ayr Train Station to Ailsa Hospital | 5, 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 35 | | Medium |
| Pro-7 | Ayr Sea Front | Segregated walking and cycling route from Millennium Bridge to Esplanade | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 33 | | Short |
| Pro-8 | Marr College | Upgrade desire line path by Marr College | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 31 | | Short |
| Pro-9 | Ayr Academy 1 | Formalise link from Ayr academy to Ayr river walk | 3,5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 31 | | Short |
| Pro-10 | Healthfield Ind. Estate | Create route through Heathfield Industrial estate for Active Travel | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 31 | | Short |
| Pro-11 | Ayr Academy 2 | Create Active Travel route from Dalmilling Primary to sports centre by Ayr Academy | 3, 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 31 | | Short |
| Pro-12 | Dundonald to Barassie | Segregate Active Travel route from Dundonald to Barassie | 1, 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 29 | | Medium |
| Pro-13 | Culzean Way | Long distance Active Travel route along Ayrshire coast | 5, 7, 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 27 | | Long |
| Pro-14 | Holmston Roundabout | Create link to the underpass to avoid busy road and ensure it is well lit and safe | 4,5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 27 | | Medium |
| Pro-15 | Bellrock Road | Golf course link at Bellrock Rd to continue cycle route more directly | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 27 | | Medium |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential | Existing | Modal | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Delivera- | Total | Rank | Timeline |
|--------|--------------------------|--|------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|--------|------|---------|-----------|-------|------|----------|
| Pro-16 | Stepping Stones | Formalise Active Travel route along A70 connecting Dobbies and A77 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 27 | | Medium |
| Pro-17 | Coylton to Mossblown | Connecting Coylton/Joppa to Mossblown, current B742 has no footpaths and is fast moving traffic | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 25 | | Medium |
| Pro-18 | Struthers Primary School | Link between Struthers PS and Loans residential area | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 25 | | Short |
| Pro-19 | Girvan to Ballantrae | As part of the Culzean Way, a section of Active Travel route joining Girvan and Ballantrae | 8 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 25 | | Medium |
| Pro-20 | Fisherton to Craig Tara | As part of the Culzean Way, a section of Active Travel route joining Fisherton and Craig Tara | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 25 | | Short |
| Pro-21 | Loans to Barassie | Improving walking infrastructure along main street and cycle route through Struthers | 1, 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 25 | | Medium |
| Pro-22 | Dunure to Fisherton | As Part of the Culzean Way, a section of Active Travel route joining Dunure to Fisherton | 7 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 23 | | Medium |
| Pro-23 | River Ayr | Upgrade and formalise route along river Ayr | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 23 | | Medium |
| Pro-24 | Annbank/ Coylton Loop | Loop of Active Travel route connecting the 3 towns and linking to the route from Mossblown | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 22 | | Medium |
| Pro-25 | St Quivox Loop | St Quivox, Auchincruvie and Heathfield loop of Active Travel route | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 21 | | Medium |
| Pro-26 | Prestwick Sainsburys | Formal pedestrian access to rear of Sainsburys at Nursery Ave. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 21 | | Short |
| Pro-27 | Whitletts Roundabout | Active Travel route from Mossblown to Whitletts roundabout, making use of underpass. | 4, 7 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 21 | | Medium |
| Pro-28 | Ballantrae to Cairn Ryan | As part of the Culzean Way, a section of Active Travel route that would link South Ayrshire to Dumfries and Galloway | 8 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 19 | | Medium |
| Pro-29 | Joppa to Alloway | Linking to the existing Ayr River Walk and passing Ailsa Hospital | 5, 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19 | | Medium |
| Pro-30 | Dutchhouse Underpass | Improve accessibility of underpass to avoid busy junction | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 17 | | Medium |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential users | Existing Provision | Modal shift | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Deliver-ability | Total | Rank | Timeline |
|--------|--------------------|--|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|-----------------|-------|------|----------|
| Inf-1 | Cycle Racks | Install cycle racks at key transport interchanges and end destinations e.g. Train Stations and promenades | NA | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | N/A | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 34 | | Medium |
| Inf-2 | A77 Crossings | Create crossings along A77, particularly at roundabouts | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | N/A | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 34 | | Long |
| Inf-3 | Multi-modal Hub | Multi-modal hub locating train, bus, walking and cycling services in same area, near existing Ayr Train Station | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | N/A | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 34 | | Long |
| Inf-4 | Flats Storage | Secure storage for residents living in flats, e.g. Cycle-hoop | NA | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 32 | | Medium |
| Inf-5 | School Streets | Roll out of School Streets | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 32 | | Short |
| Inf-6 | Signage | Install signage along routes with timings and directions, consider dementia friendly & shared-use etiquette signs | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 3 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 30 | | Short |
| Inf-7 | Adapted Parking | Install adapted bike parking spaces at key locations for those with trikes, cargo bikes or bikes as mobility aids | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 28 | | Short |
| Inf-8 | Traffic Control | Use built infrastructure to manage speeds, road covering, raised tables and curvature of road | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 28 | | Long |
| Inf-9 | 20mph Zones | Continue roll out of 20mph zones in communities | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 28 | | Short |
| Inf-10 | Priority Crossings | Create pedestrian/cyclists priority at crossings, traffic light timings will favour those on foot or cycle. | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 28 | | Short |
| Inf-11 | Lighting | Install quality lighting along routes, consider brightness, vegetation cover, biodiversity impact and reporting faults | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | N/A | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 28 | | Medium |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential | Existing | Modal | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Deliver- | Total | Rank | Timeline |
|--------|---------------|--|------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|--------|------|---------|----------|-------|------|----------|
| Inf-12 | Dropped Kerbs | Install dropped kerbs at start/end of routes | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 28 | | Medium |
| Inf-13 | Park & Choose | Modify Park and Ride model to incorporate bike hire and safe Active Travel routes from the parking site. | NA | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | N/A | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 28 | | Long |
| Inf-14 | Rest Stops | Provide sheltered rest stops and toilets along major Active Travel routes | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 26 | | Long |
| Inf-15 | Route names | Create route names or identifiers for Active Travel routes similar to street names | NA | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | N/A | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 26 | | Short |
| Inf-16 | Gates | Remove kissing gates and anti motorbike infrastructure | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 26 | | Short |
| Inf-17 | Path Clutter | Reduce path clutter e.g. poorly placed bins & signage | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 26 | | Short |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential Users | Existing Provisions | Modal Shift | Links | Impact | Funding | Cost | Deliverability | Score | Rank |
|--------|--------------------------|---|------|--------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------|--------|---------|------|----------------|-------|------|
| Pol-1 | Planning Regulations | Planning requirements to prioritise cyclists and pedestrians | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 15 | |
| Pol-2 | Public Consultation | Improve public consultation protocols e.g. jury style recruitment | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 15 | |
| Pol-3 | Active Travel Strategy | Revisit the Active Travel Strategy yearly to re-evaluate position | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 15 | |
| Pol-4 | 20-minute neighbourhoods | Implement the 20-minute neighbourhood guidelines | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-5 | Maintenance | Create an maintenance plan and designated budget for Active Travel infrastructure | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-6 | Bikeability | Ensure all primary schools offer Bikeability via an opt-out system | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-7 | Design Standards | Introduce strict local design standards e.g. accessibility | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-8 | Condition Audit | Carry out condition audit along all routes, to monitor quality | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-9 | Lighting Audit | Carry out lighting audit along all routes | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-10 | Accessibility Audit | Carry out accessibility audit along all routes, seek advice from accessibility charities and groups | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 13 | |
| Pol-11 | Partnership Working | Supported partnership working between public transport organisations and council | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 3 | 11 | |
| Pol-12 | Collaborative Working | Improve collaborative work between organisations and within council | NA | 5 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 3 | 11 | |
| Pol-13 | Wayfinding Audit | Carry out wayfinding audit along all routes to plan for signage | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 11 | |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential | Existing | Modal | Links | Impact | Funding | Cost | Deliverability | Score | Rank |
|--------|-------------------------|---|------|--------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|------|----------------|-------|------|
| Pol-14 | Parking | Limit vehicle parking in areas with AT and PT services and implement measures to reduce illegal parking | NA | 1 | NA | NA | 5 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 3 | 9 | |
| Pol-15 | Developer Contributions | Enforce developer contributions designated for Active Travel measures | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 3 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 3 | 9 | |
| Pol-16 | Wording | Create policy around positive/inclusive wording to be used for Active Travel | NA | 3 | NA | NA | 1 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 5 | 9 | |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential Users | Existing Provision | Modal shift | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Deliver-ability | Total | Rank |
|-------|----------------------------------|---|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|-----------------|-------|------|
| Edu-1 | Business Promotion | Promote benefits of Active Travel to local business users and introduce incentives for shopping locally | NA | 5 | NA | 5 | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | 3 | 5 | 26 | |
| Edu-2 | Infrastructure Promotion | Promote existing infrastructure through employers and education centres. | NA | 5 | NA | 5 | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | 3 | 3 | 24 | |
| Edu-3 | Commercial Driver Training | Support training for HGV and Public Transport drivers around Active Travel | NA | 5 | NA | 5 | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | 3 | 3 | 24 | |
| Edu-4 | Mapping | Provide maps highlighting accessible routes and links to other transport. | NA | 3 | NA | 3 | 1 | NA | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 22 | |
| Edu-5 | Behaviour Change | Run cycle behaviour campaigns in schools, groups and workplaces e.g. Bikeability & essential cycle skills | NA | 3 | NA | 3 | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | 3 | 5 | 22 | |
| Edu-6 | Private Training for Car Drivers | Run Driver Education campaign in collaboration with British Transport Police. | NA | 5 | NA | 3 | 3 | NA | NA | 5 | 3 | 3 | 22 | |

| Code | Title | Description | Ward | Demand | Potential users | Existing Provision | Modal shift | Links | Impact | Cost | Funding | Deliver ability | Total | Rank |
|--------|-------------------------|---|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|--------|------|---------|-----------------|-------|------|
| Sch-1 | Ayr Active Travel Hub | Continued support of Ayr Active Travel Hub and creation of further hubs | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 36 | |
| Sch-2 | Cycle Hire | Introduce Bike Hire/loan Scheme (Local scheme) | NA | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 32 | |
| Sch-3 | Cycle Access | Link community with organisations providing access to bikes | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 32 | |
| Sch-4 | Reporting App | Establish issue reporting app for public on AT network | NA | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | NA | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 32 | |
| Sch-5 | Tourism | Link AT to tourism promotion | NA | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | NA | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 30 | |
| Sch-6 | Bike Buses | Spaces for bikes programme on public transport | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 28 | |
| Sch-7 | Annual Events | Support annual Active Travel events such as the Ayr Womens Cycling Festival or Ayr Alps | NA | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | NA | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 28 | |
| Sch-8 | Active Travel Champions | Introduce Active Travel Champions within workplaces to ensure AT is represented | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 28 | |
| Sch-9 | Bike Shop Discounts | Subsidised local bike shops for AT users | NA | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | NA | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 28 | |
| Sch-10 | Bike-to-work | Promotion of bike-to-work scheme to employers | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 28 | |
| Sch-11 | Blue Badge scheme | Trial 'Blue Badge' scheme for disabled cyclists | NA | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | NA | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 26 | |
| Sch-12 | Close Passes | Run Operation Close pass in collaboration with BTP | NA | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | NA | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 26 | |
| Sch-13 | Speed Limits | Introduce speed limit on narrow Active Travel routes | NA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | NA | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 18 | |



POLICY REVIEW

05

1. Local Transport Strategy 2009-2014 (LTS)
2. South Ayrshire Council Parking Strategy 2020-2024
3. South Ayrshire Physical Activity and Sport Strategy
4. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy
5. Local Development Plan

The LTS aimed to increase levels of cycling in South Ayrshire by primarily targeting journeys of less than 5km, this links with the benefits of the Physical Activity and Sport Strategy.

The core objectives of the strategy were:

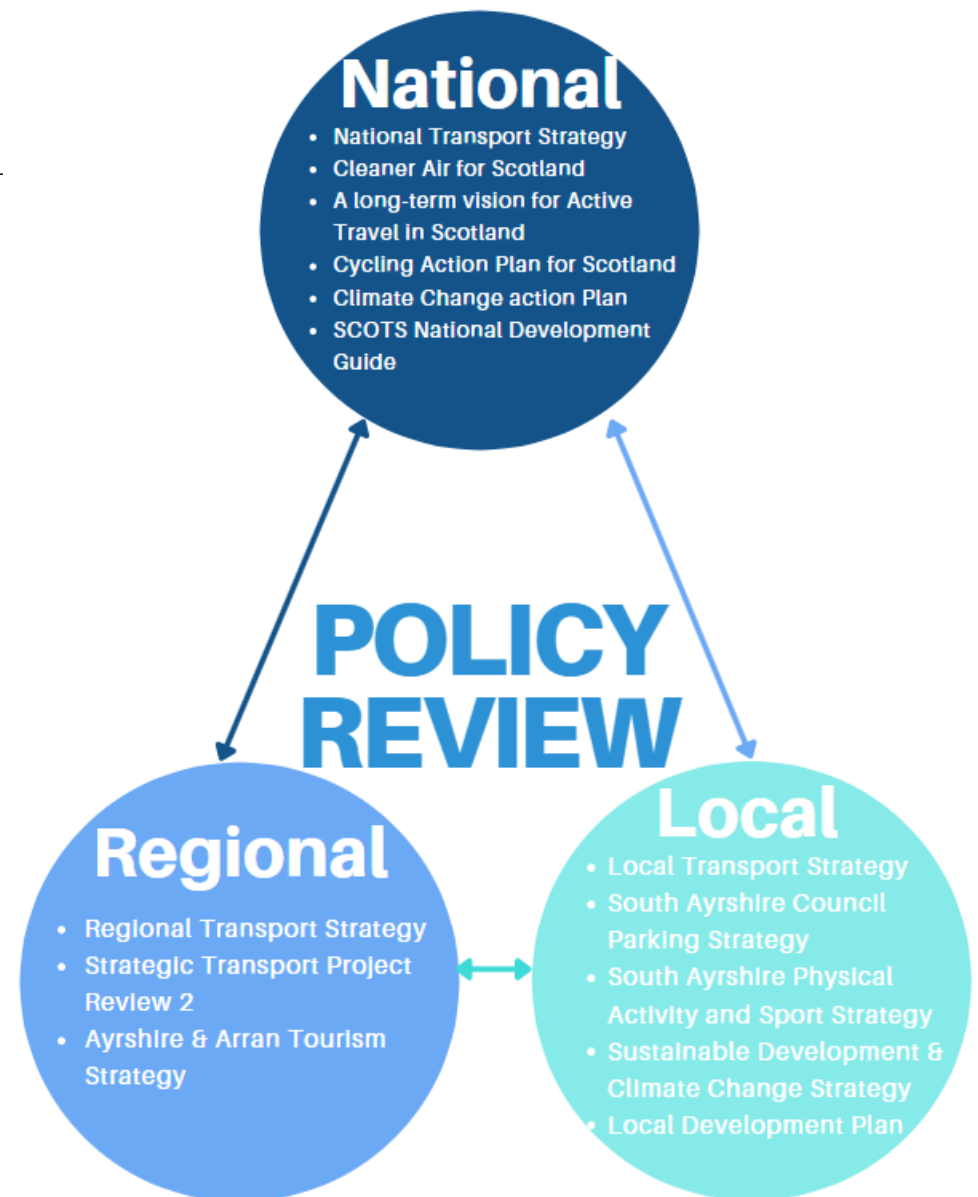
- Environment
- Accessibility
- Social Inclusion
- Integrated Transport
- Safety
- Economy

It highlights the key deterrents to cycling as 'perceived risk' and 'parking issues'. Fatal road collisions, conflict points between vulnerable road users and a lack of suitable cycle parking where all stressed as deterrents. Congestion was also a crucial barrier to further uptake. The LTS vowed to tackle congestion through the following methods:

- Expand existing quiet transport corridors;
- Additional Park-&-Ride facilities;
- Improved Cycle Network development, focused at strategic roads and junctions leading into Ayr;
- Improve cycle facilities at key locations (e.g. shopping area, train stations, tourist attractions);
- Improve lighting and CCTV on walking routes; and
- Create pedestrian priority schemes and improve streetscape/placemaking.

The 2020-2024 Parking Strategy aims to address traffic management, parking limitations and vehicle emissions. Through improved parking practices they aim to reduce pedestrian endangerment, increase shop visits and manage congestion, linking to the LDP and Sustainable Development & Climate Change Strategy. One of the key objectives of the parking strategy is:

“Reinforce business and visitor confidence in available modern parking options whilst also promoting walking, cycling and the use of public transport”.



- 1. Regional Transport Strategy: A Catalyst for Change 2008-2021 (RTS)
- 2. Strategic Transport Project Review 2: South West Scotland Region
- 3. Ayrshire & Arran Tourism Strategy

Regional Transport Strategies (RTS) are required by all regional Transport Partnerships in Scotland. It aims to deliver a world class sustainable transport system that supports improved quality of life, its 4 key outcomes are:

- Attractive, Seamless, Reliable Travel
- Access for All
- Reduced Emission
- Improved Connectivity

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) highlight the key objectives for the area will be to improve connectivity within the area and with the rest of Scotland and beyond.

The Strategic Transport Project Review report, created by Transport Scotland, aims to inform the Governments transport investment programme for the next 20 year. The report has highlighted its objectives to improve journey quality and connectivity in Active Travel.

The Tourism Strategy highlights the importance of convenient transport options and the development of links between attractions and arrival points.



'The 67p'

The value added to society by cycling a mile instead of driving

Source: Sustrans Value of Cycling Blog



1. National Transport Strategy 2020-2040 (NTS2)
2. Cleaner Air for Scotland: The Road to a Healthy Future 2015
3. A Long-Term Vision For Active Travel in Scotland 2030
4. Cycling Action Plan for Scotland 2017
5. Climate Change Action Plan: Securing a Green Recovery on a Path to Net Zero 2018-2032
6. SCOTS National Roads Development Guide

“Our vision is for a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors” NTS2

Together the policies aim to reduce GHG emissions by **75%** by 2030 (of 1990 levels) and to reach **net zero** by 2045, reduce reliance on private car by ensuring it is no longer the most cost effective and convenient option in the future, reordering the transport hierarchy to place Active Travel at the top. They also state that versatile support is required to enable the shift to Active Travel for the majority of short journeys, with specification for the travel needs of rural communities.



**Walk, Wheel or Cycle
journeys less than 5km**

Cleaner Air for Scotland sets the ambition of achieving the **“Cleanest air in Europe”**. A target that will benefit individual health and the wider environment. One of the methods of achieving this accolade is to introduce Low Emission Zones to all Air Quality Management Zones by 2023.

A Long-Term Vision For Active Travel in Scotland 2030s key aim is that:

“Scotland’s communities are shaped around people, with walking or cycling the most popular choice for shorter everyday journeys”. This will help create healthier, more inclusive, equal and prosperous communities”.

And their key objectives are:

- Better Health and safer travel for all;
- Reduced Inequalities;
- Reduced Carbon Emissions and other pollutants;
- Liveable, pleasant communities; and
- Sustainable economic growth.

The Governments Climate Change Action Plan highlights the following, in relation to transport:

- Additional funding of £120 million for zero emission buses;
- £50 million to support the creation of Active Freeways;
- Reducing the number of kilometres travelled by car by 20% by 2030; and
- Phasing out the need for new petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2030.

The SCOTS Guide works in collaboration with the Designing Streets Guide to ensure continuity in transport design and quality.



Network Audit

06

To gain insight into the existing infrastructure and network for walking and cycling in South Ayrshire, a route audit was commissioned. Carried out in October 2020 by the Sweco team and by volunteers at South Ayrshire Paths Initiative (SAPI), an in depth review of the quality of routes was created.

Routes were rated on 6 key considerations, as shown below. Points ranged from inconveniences, such as pooling of water on paths, to barriers to accessibility such as uneven surfaces and potholes.

Of all the points noted by the Sweco team, 43% were recorded as noticeable barriers. This points to issues around maintenance and consistency of routes.

Route Considerations

- Width
- Material
- Quality
- Barriers
- Vegetation
- Lighting

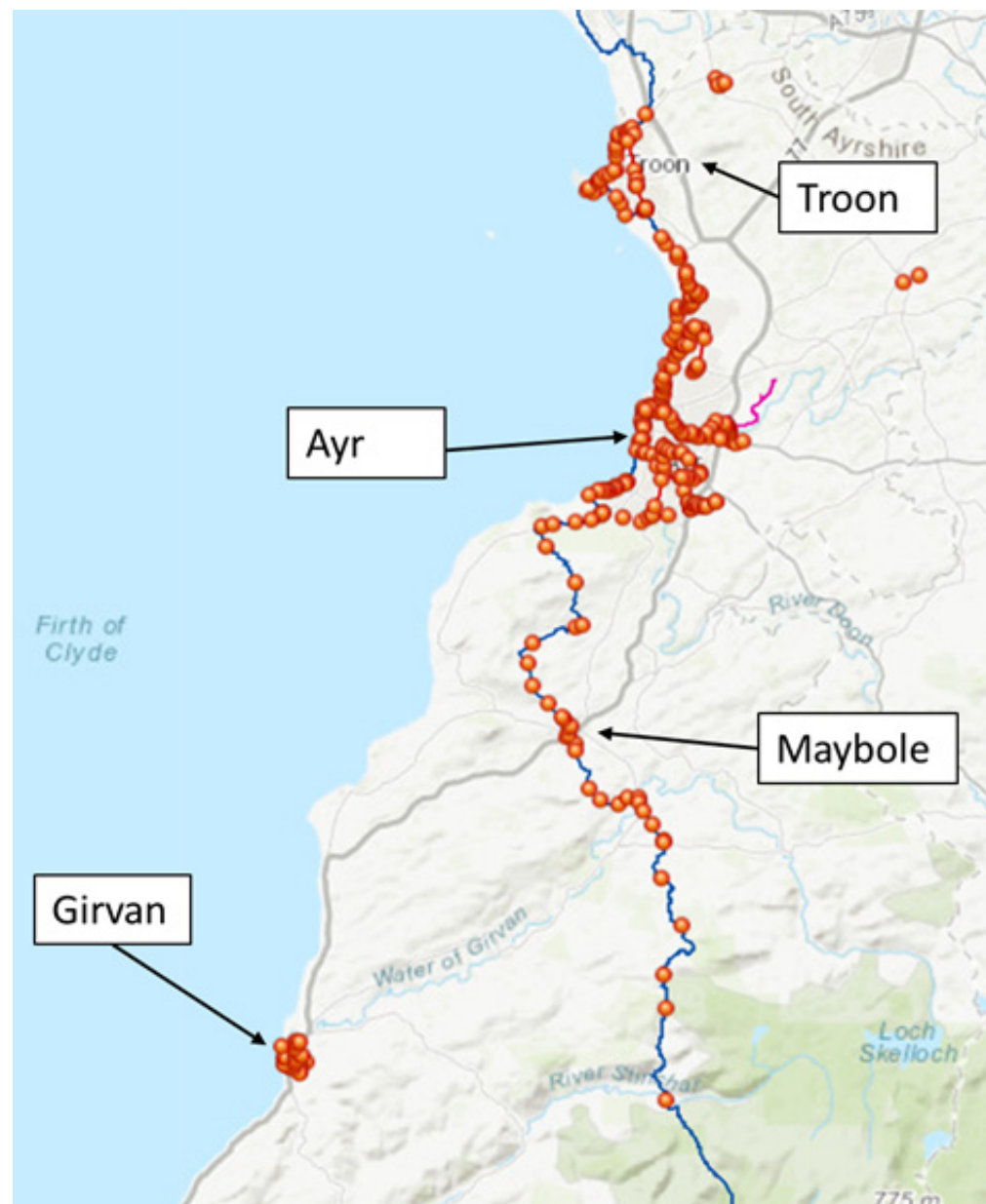


Figure 6.1: Plotted Points of Interest

On street parking was the most commonly mapped barrier in the audit, accounting for 35% of all barriers. Vehicles parked on roads or in advisory cycle lanes poses several risks, people on cycles need to move into the centre of the road to avoid them and are at risk of being 'car doored'. It was particularly problematic on residential streets with cycle lanes such as Castlehill, Ayr where there are advisory cycle lanes on both sides of the road and both sides were obstructed by parked vehicles.

Enforcing no parking in cycle lanes, promoting the 'Dutch Reach' to car users and using inverted parking spaces can all make cycling safer on streets that require car parking.



40% of the routes audited did not have adequate street lighting, this reduced visibility of, and for, those travelling actively. It also reduces the perceived safety of routes, particularly in winter months when it is dark earlier.

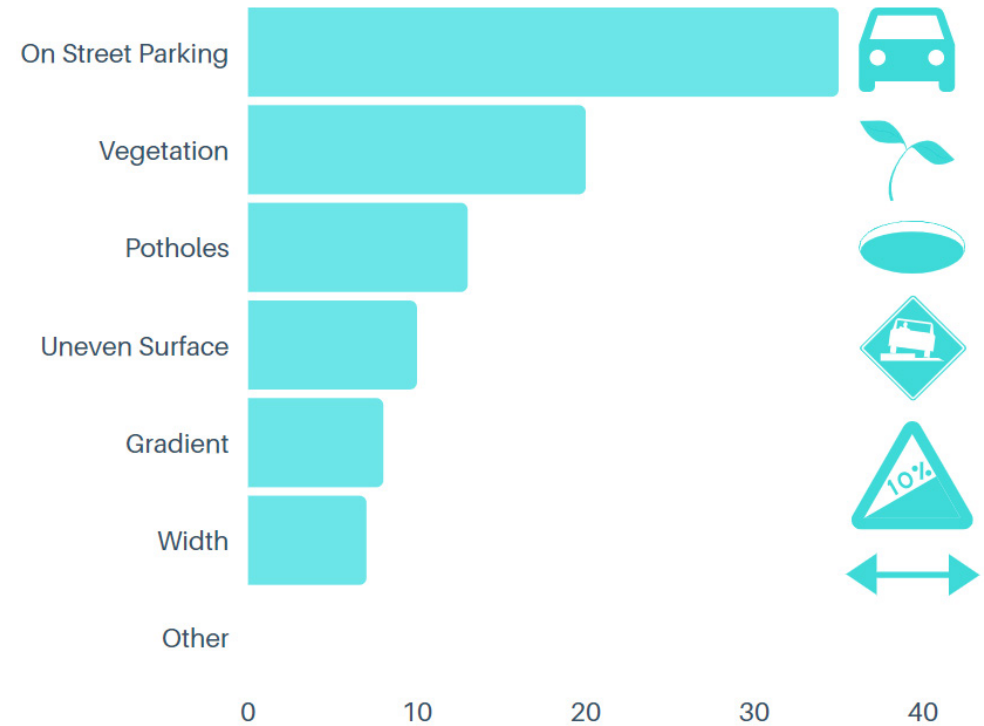
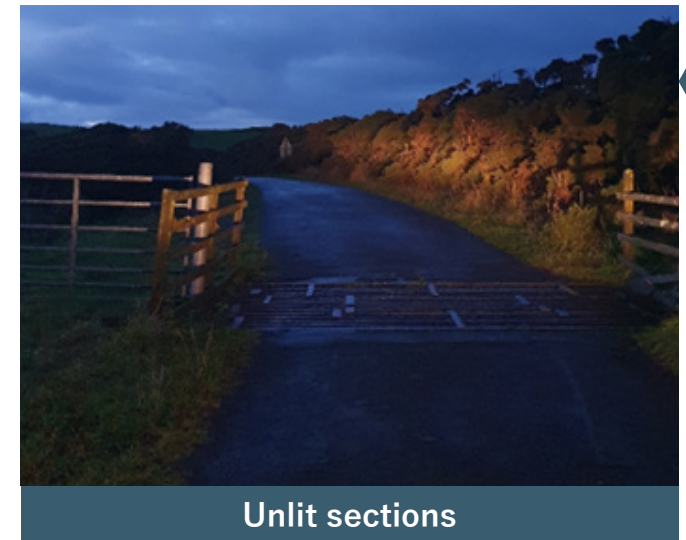


Figure 6.2: Barriers Plotted



South Ayrshire Paths Initiative (SAPI) are a volunteer community group dedicated to the development and promotion of a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling paths and routes in South Ayrshire. Their enthusiasm and in-depth local knowledge was a valuable resource and they were therefore included at each stage of the process as a Key Stakeholder.

The main project SAPI discussed was the proposed Culzean Way, which is potential long distance route using former railway lines along the coast from Ayr to Girvan. Several other projects were proposed, as a result of engagement with SAPI and are included in the Strategy Action Plan.





CONSULTATION

07



Deductive analysis was used to collect findings into specific categories such as infrastructural issues, maintenance issues or potential solutions. From this, subcategories were established that highlighted more specific issues such as the A77, speeding, conflict between users and road surface.

It was found that safety was the key recurring theme and that it was interlinked with the other themes of connectivity and education. Busy, fast moving roads were seen as unsafe and so created disconnected routes and lack of education caused feelings of being unsafe or caused dangerous behaviours.

From both the Public and Stakeholder Consultation 3 key themes were highlighted as barriers and potential opportunities to Active Travel:

- **Perceived Safety**
- **Connectivity**
- **Education**

The following action plan and proposed measures all relate back to these 3 key themes.

Key findings are based on the stakeholder survey, one-to-one meetings and mapping tool. There were a total of 42 Stakeholders involved, representing all eight of the South Ayrshire Wards, 28% represented the whole of South Ayrshire. Segregated and direct cycle and walking ways were the recurring theme to increasing rates, and perceived safety of Active Travel.

71% of stakeholder groups represented the public sector, 23% represented the 3rd sector and 7% represented the private sector.

40% of Stakeholders stated that the key barrier to the uptake of Active Travel was the lack of a safe route. Only 11% stated that they felt safe cycling on both roads and cycle paths.

No Stakeholders stated cyclist education would be the most effective method to make Active Travel feel safer. However 28% thought driver education would.

Only 11% of stakeholders said they felt the public had a positive view of Active Travel. Reasons were rural settings, convenience of the car, lack of safe routes and poor representation of Active Travel in the media.

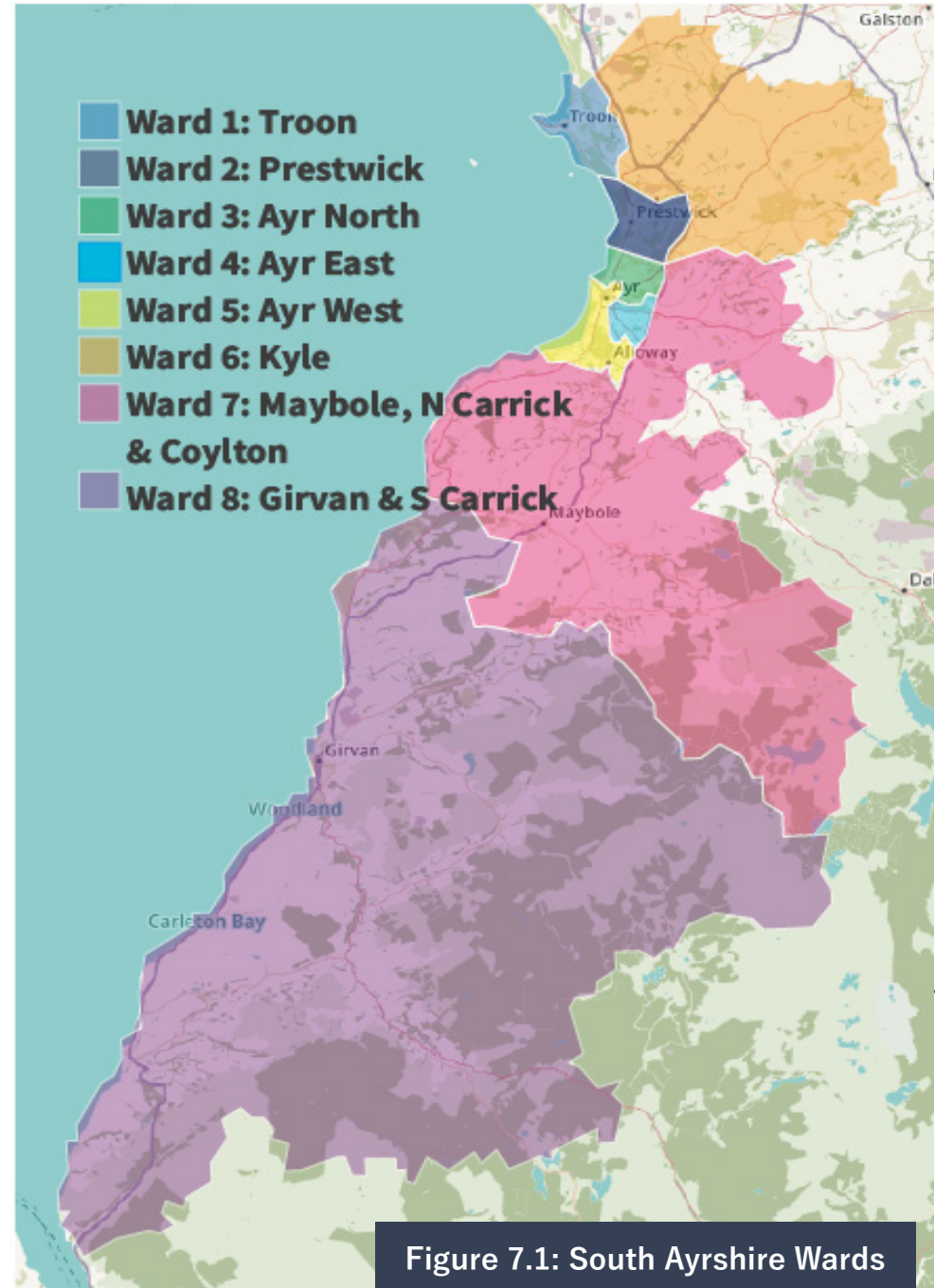
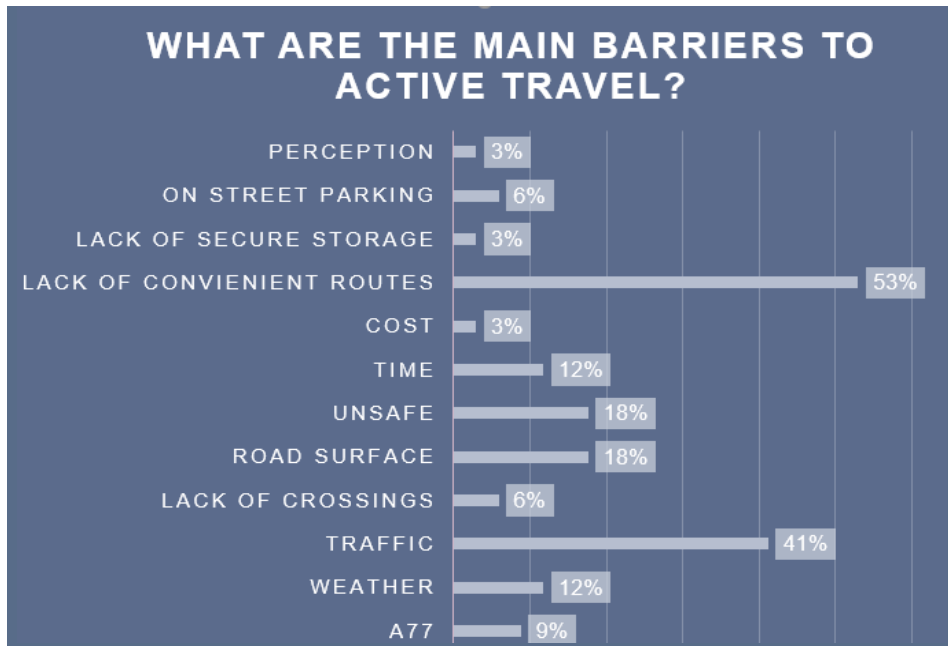


Figure 7.1: South Ayrshire Wards

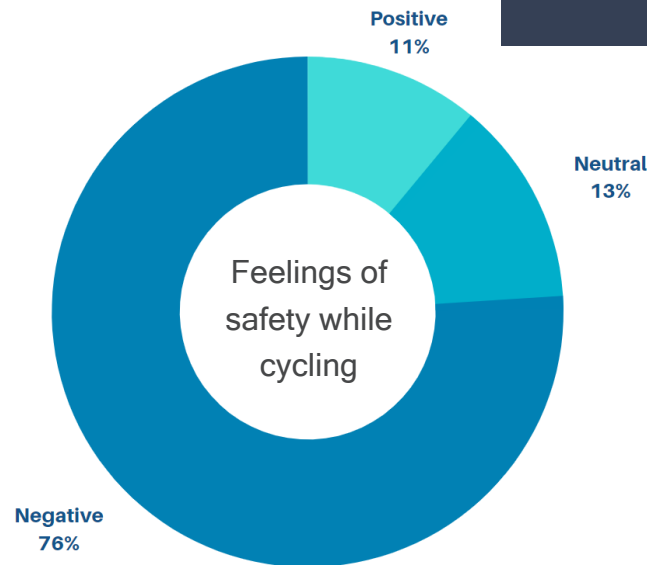
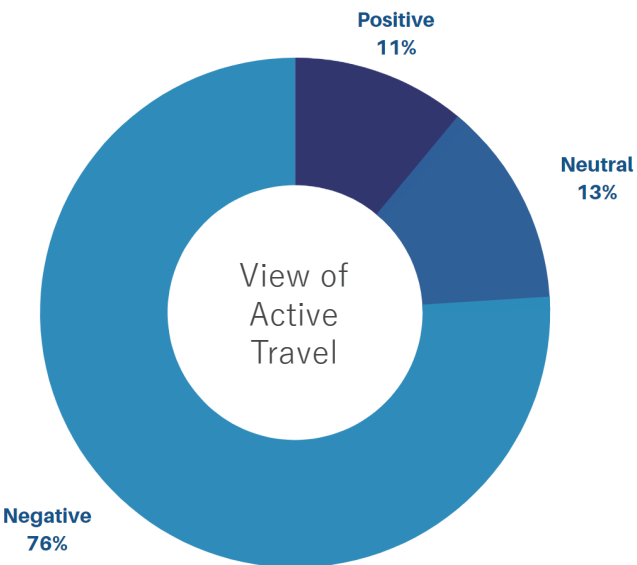
Only **11%** of all stakeholders felt safe the majority of the time when cycling. Traffic free routes, improved road surface and education were seen as solutions to lack of perceived safety.

Poor transport integration was cited as another barrier to Active Travel. **36%** of responses made mention of indirect or convoluted cycle and walking routes and more than a quarter felt that rural communities were isolated in terms of public transport and Active Travel services.

Several stakeholders mentioned the importance of changing attitudes to Active Travel, both by the public and council, in order to create a culture of cycling and walking within South Ayrshire. They mentioned a more equal approach to Active Travel infrastructure, ensuring it was accessible to all age groups and didn't purely focus on cycling as a sport but as a mode of transport.

Concerns over access to funding for maintenance of existing or proposed projects was raised by stakeholders, particularly in relation to infrastructure.

The following pie charts display stakeholders feedback to key questions.



DESIRED OUTCOMES OF STRATEGY

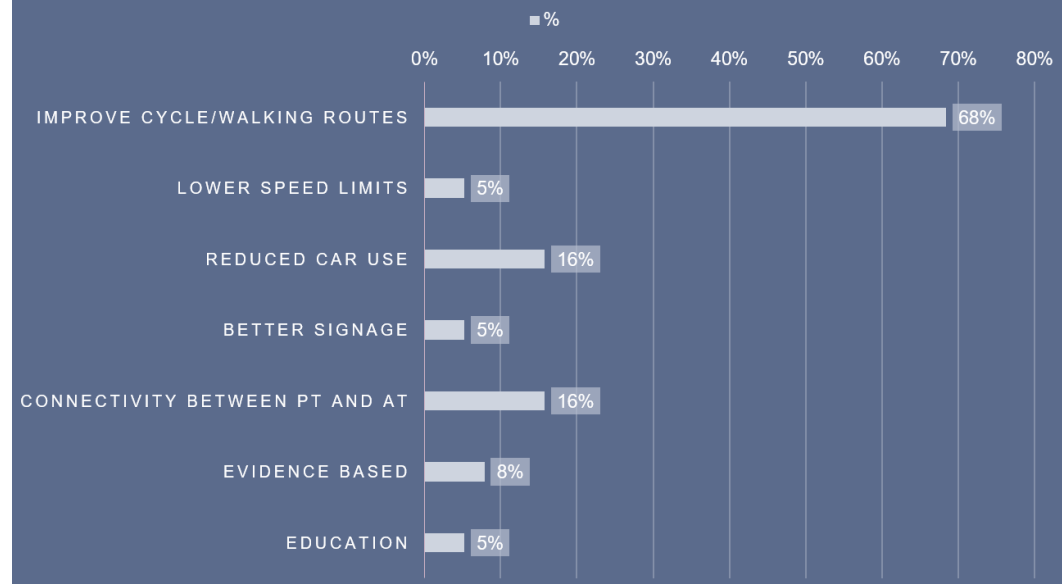
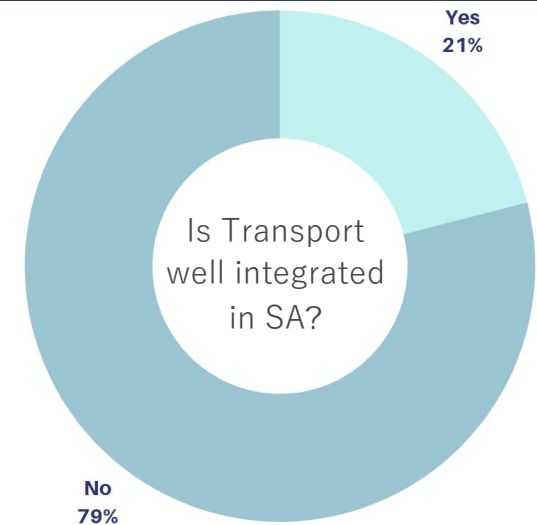


Figure 7.2: Public Feedback



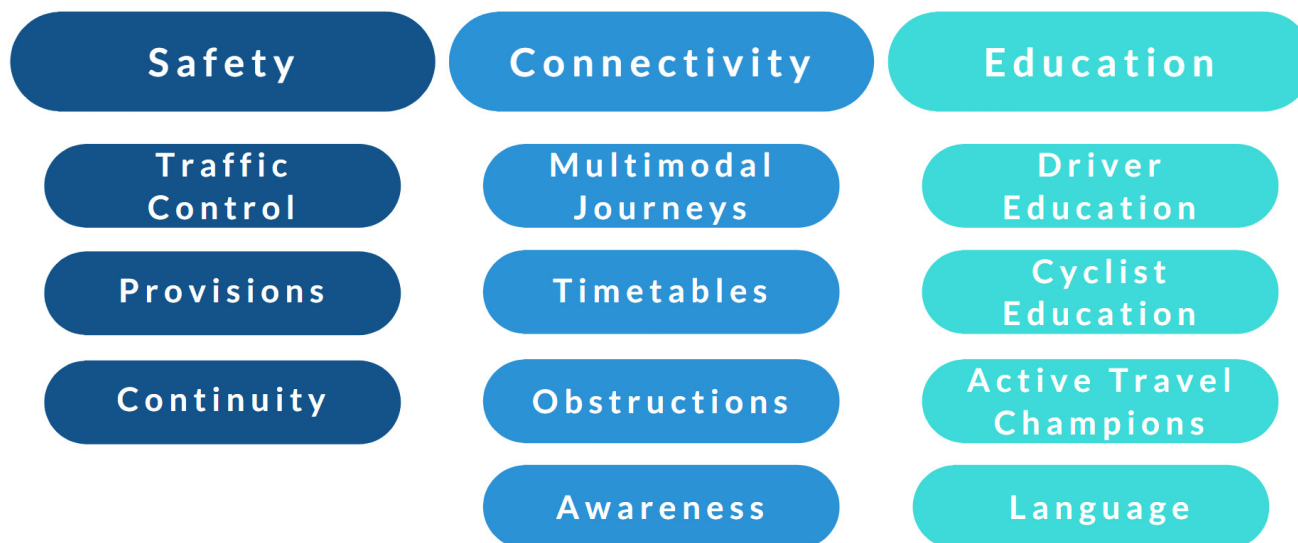
Two stakeholder workshops were held to gain further insight into the views of local communities and to provide a setting for initial feedback.

Initially stakeholders were briefed on the key findings from previous stakeholder surveys, one-to-ones and public engagement. Findings were split into 3 categories:

- **Safety**
- **Connectivity**
- **Education**

Stakeholders were split into 'Breakout Rooms' of 3-4 participants and one member of the Sweco team. They were asked to explore the 3 key themes and share their thoughts on how best to improve Active Travel in South Ayrshire. Feedback was then shared with the wider group and recorded by a member of the Sweco team.

The following diagram shows the key themes that were highlighted:



Reference was made to the importance of language when promoting Active Travel and hosting discussions. It was felt that the use of terms such as 'person in a car' or 'person on a cycle' were seen as more humanising and less divisive than 'Driver' or 'Walker'.

It was acknowledged that some barriers were outwith our control, such as the prevalence of wet weather in the region. However, provisions for changing and storing clothing at places of employment or education and promotion of wet weather equipment would be beneficial.

It was proposed that new infrastructure and signage should be made accessible for all, including dropped kerbs and Dementia friendly signage.

Stakeholders acknowledged that the suggested measures would not only benefit those choosing to travel actively, but also the wider community by reducing congestion and vehicle emissions, creating safe and enjoyable spaces.



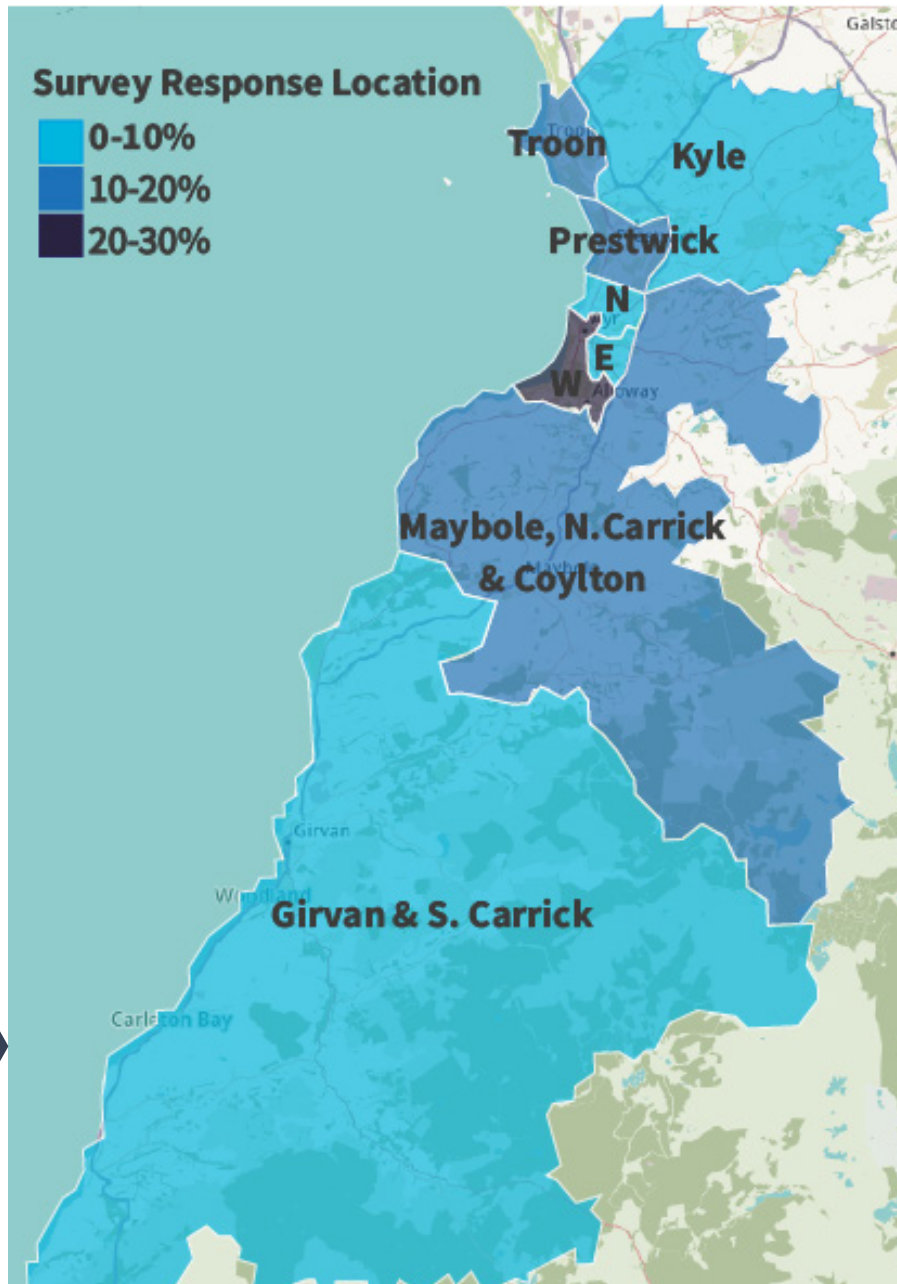


Figure 7.3: Survey Responses by Ward

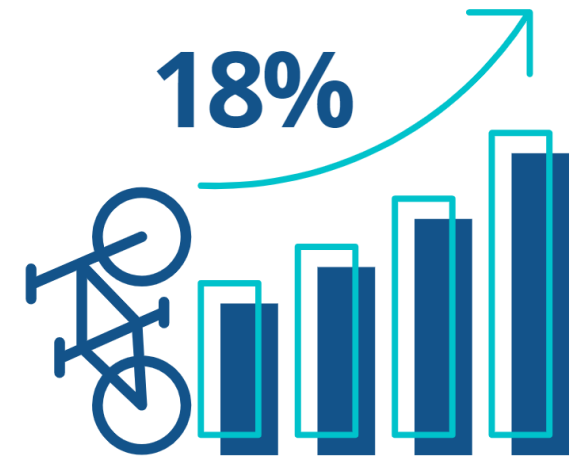
Key findings are based on results of the public survey and mapping tool. There was a total of **314** survey responses & **176** points mapped. Responses were recorded for residents in each of the 8 wards, 3% of respondents lived outside of South Ayrshire but had connections to the area.

Cycle users highlighted issues around bike storage throughout South Ayrshire as well as space for bikes on public transport, buses in particular. There is also a demand for better signage along routes for walking and cycling.

Several respondents suggested the creation of a travel hub which combined the train and bus station, providing quick connections and accessible integration.

The train service between Ayr and Glasgow was praised, however there were issues raised around the accessibility of Ayr Train Station for those cycling due to busy roads in the surrounding area. As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, there are also concerns around safety on public transport.

The NHS employs c.8,500 people in Ayrshire and Arran, this contributes to the demand for better aligned public services to serve work start and end times, especially for those working late/early shifts.



Reported Bike Thefts in Scotland (2020)

The map shows perceived safety when cycling by ward. Kyle recorded 0 residents as feeling safe the majority of the time when cycling in South Ayrshire. When asked “What would make Active Travel feel safer” **segregated cycle paths** were ranked the number one solution for both.

With regards to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was agreement that the reduction of road traffic in the first lockdown made walking and cycling safer and more appealing, however several argued this had been counteracted by the increased road traffic due to fears over public transport safety and increased instances of speeding since the second lockdown.

43% wanted more or improved cycle routes. There were several suggestions for utilising the old disused railways in the area and a demand for traffic free routes.

There was a concern amongst respondents that projects in the past had been poorly managed and were not evidence based/best practice. There were also concerns by vehicle users that they would be disadvantaged at the cost of introducing Active Travel measures.

Several respondents raised the issue of Active Travel routes being indirect or timely due to crossings and roads such as the **A77**. There were suggestions of prioritised right of way to people on cycles and timed traffic lights that prioritise pedestrians, reducing the wait time. Signage highlighting shared use routes and how best to use them was seen as a method to reduce conflict between different route users.

Some members of the public felt that existing routes, such as Loans-Troon, were under utilised. This is evidence of the need for further promotion, signage and maintenance of routes, alongside evidenced best practice in terms of route placement.

Lastly there were comments of ensuring measures were **accessible** to the elderly, the disabled and the young. Making routes safe and with facilities such as toilets, clear signage, rest stops and changing rooms.

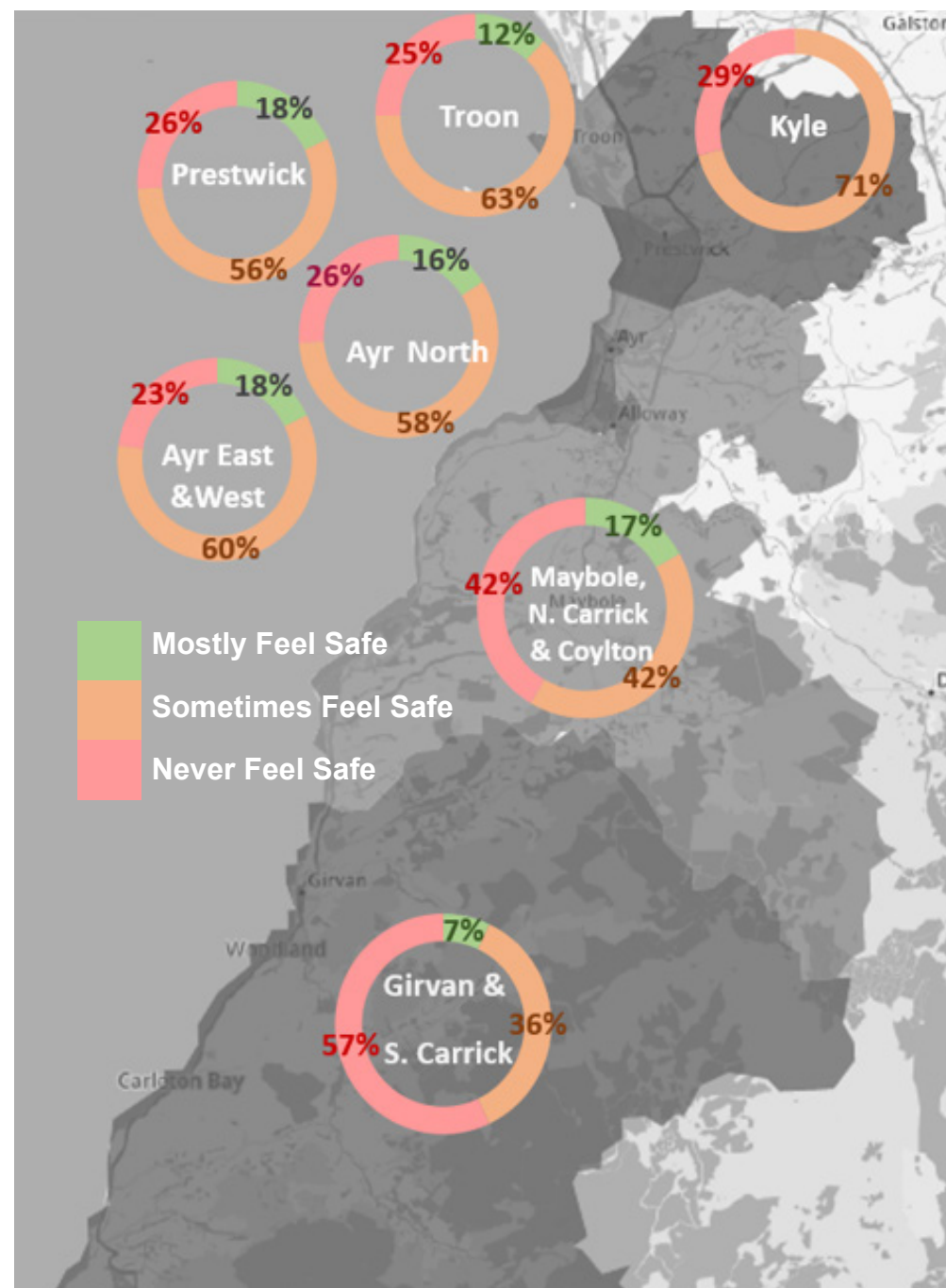


Figure 7.4: Perceived Safety when Cycling (by Ward)

Public Comments

Hope you will make a great active travel strategy that integrates public transport better especially as it will be free for **young people** now, lets make it truly accessible!

The cycle speed limit on NCN 7 at Greenan should be extended for everyone's **safety**

Safe **cycle storage** at bus and train stations

Crossings

Improving wheelchair friendly routes needs to be a high priority for South Ayrshire

Rural areas are often forgotten about

SAFETY

Just delight at finding organised cycle rides and training at the Hubs

I'm in favour of new measures, but not badly designed and ill thought out schemes

Having access to bikes etc that are **affordable** would make a huge difference to a lot of people

THE A77

I would like to see an improved culture in the public with more respect towards each other





Travel Habits

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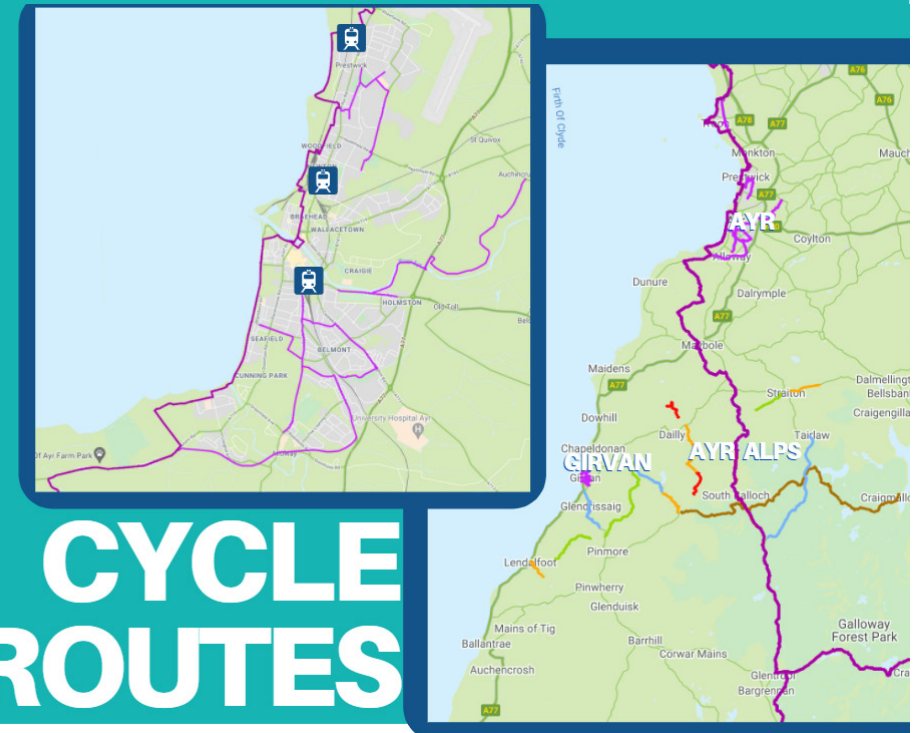
Figure 8.1: Active Travel Network



The map on the left shows the existing cycle network highlighted in red, made up of the National Cycle Route 7. Although the current network does provide links between north and south, the quality, visibility and safety of the routes are inconsistent and often on road, with traffic. The rural nature of the area means that the roads between towns can have high speed limits and be narrow.

Highlighted in pink is the aspirational network which has been developed as a result of the consultation process. It will link with the existing and provide connections both along the coast and to the east. Ensuring safe, direct and consistent cycle routes between residential areas and key services is crucial to creating a lasting shift in travel habits, for all ages and abilities.

The map below highlights existing leisure and commuting cycle routes in relation to public transport.



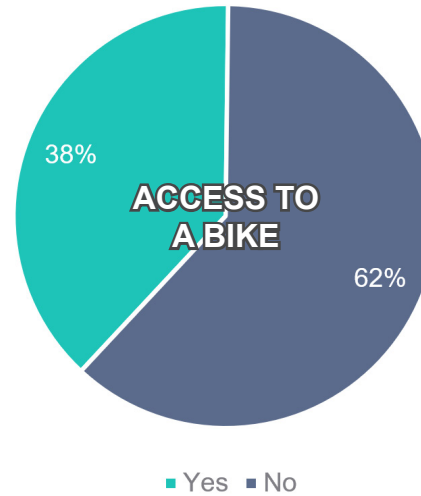
CYCLE ROUTES

The Ayr Active Travel Hub is a valuable resource within South Ayrshire and for the surrounding area, offering maintenance, advice, training and promotion.

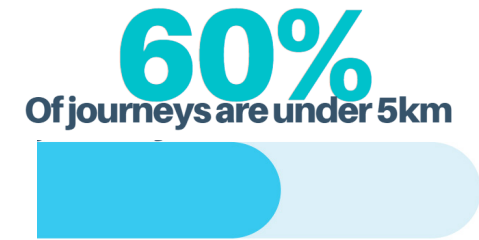
Within South Ayrshire, **88%** of primary schools provide level 2 Bikeability training to pupils and 18 schools have been awarded the Cycle Friendly School accreditation.

Cycling Scotland’s monitoring report found that **1.5%** of South Ayrshire Employees regularly cycled to work, this compares to **5%** for the Scottish average.

The pie chart shows the percentage of survey respondents that had access to a road-worthy bike, the results are in line with those observed by Cycling Scotland for the area.



SOUTH AYRSHIRE
CYCLING SCOTLANDS NATIONAL
ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
CYCLING POLICY (2013)



Source: Cycling Scotland Monitoring Report

The following maps show, within the research period, the number of people cycling recorded on main roads around South Ayrshire, green lines highlight high usage as seen on North Shore Road, Racecourse Road and Prestwick Road. On certain roads there were no people cycling recorded, these were generally roads with high vehicle traffic volumes moving at speed such as the **A77**.

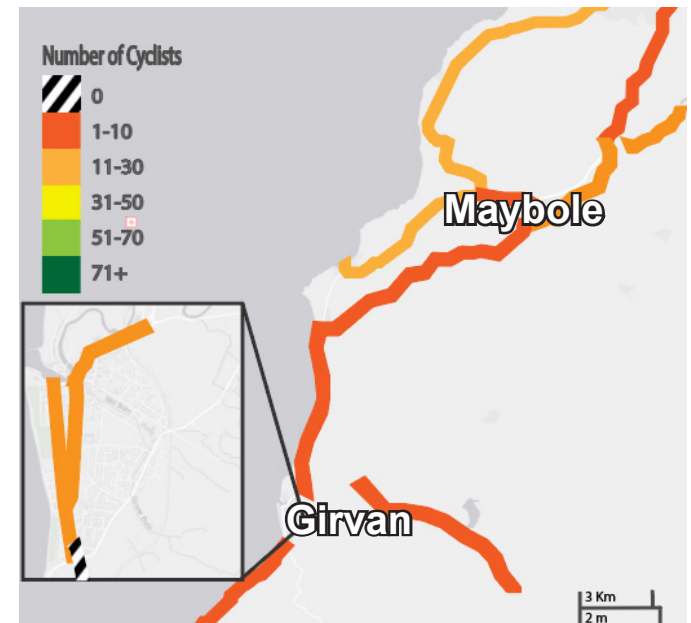
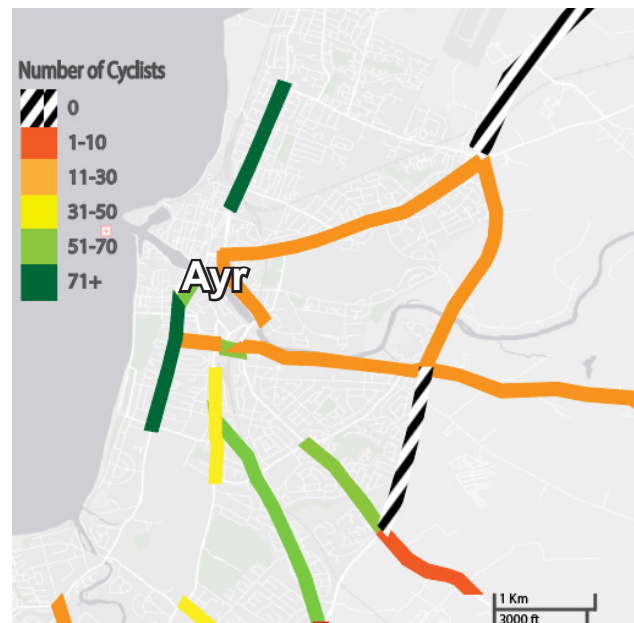
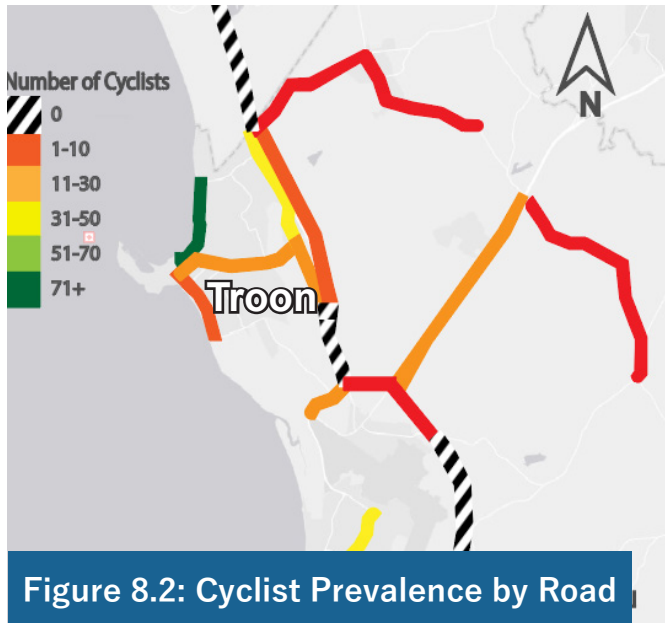


Figure 8.2: Cyclist Prevalence by Road



Figure 8.3: Key Bus Routes



Source: Ayr Active Travel Hub

There are 32 bus services operating within South Ayrshire:

- 4 Shuttle Buses
- 1 Community Bus
- 27 Stagecoach Services.

The concentration of buses operate around Ayr, with more than 10 services operating within the boundary of the A77. For communities outwith Ayr there are limited services that lead directly to amenities outwith Ayr. The map to the left shows the key bus services and their destinations.

The above maps show the existing bus routes and stops, although they offer fair coverage of South Ayrshire, it is the cost, frequency and directness which act as deterrents.

Regional bus fares are generally high, at times higher than the equivalent train journey and consistently perceived to be higher than the cost of private car travel. This contributes to transport poverty within the authority area, impacting on individuals access to employment and education.

This disproportionately affects those on lower incomes who are less likely to have access to a vehicle. Local travel from Girvan to Ayr would cost **£1.79 more** each way to use the bus compared to the cost of the average private car.

The following table displays the provisions at South Ayrshire's rail stations, such as toilets, step free access and cycle storage. At present, Maybole is the only station offering step-free access to platforms and services. Ensuring continuity of provisions and accessibility will encourage greater uptake of services.



Subsidised on-demand transport in rural areas brings employment and social economic benefit outweighing investment 3:1

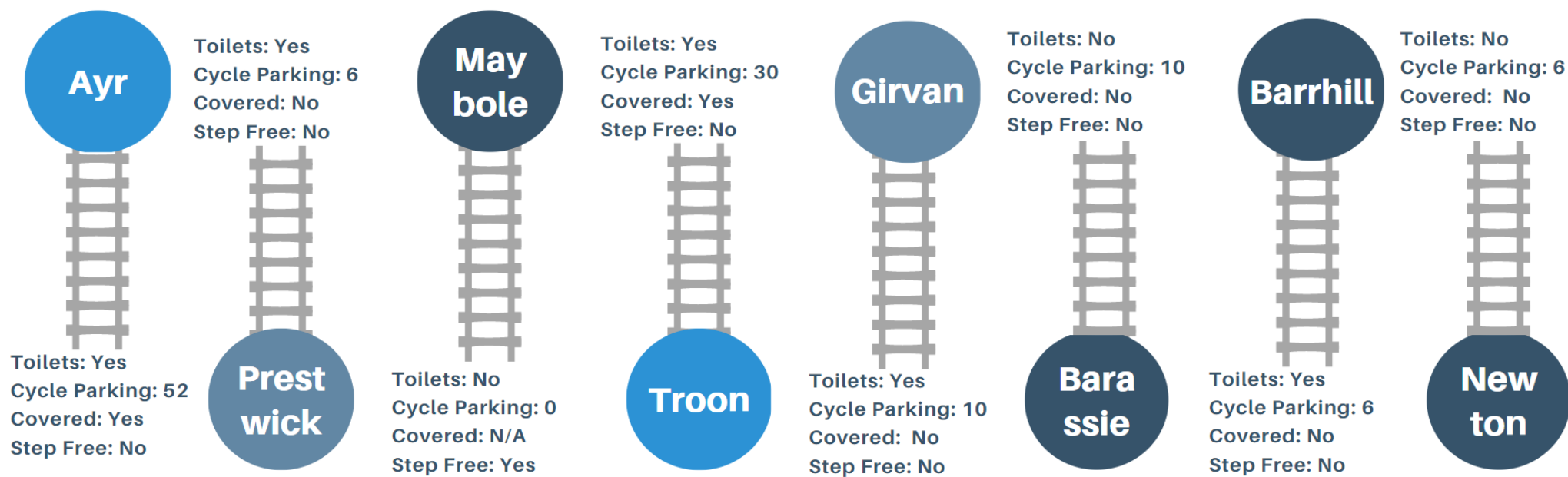


Figure 8.4: Train Station Services

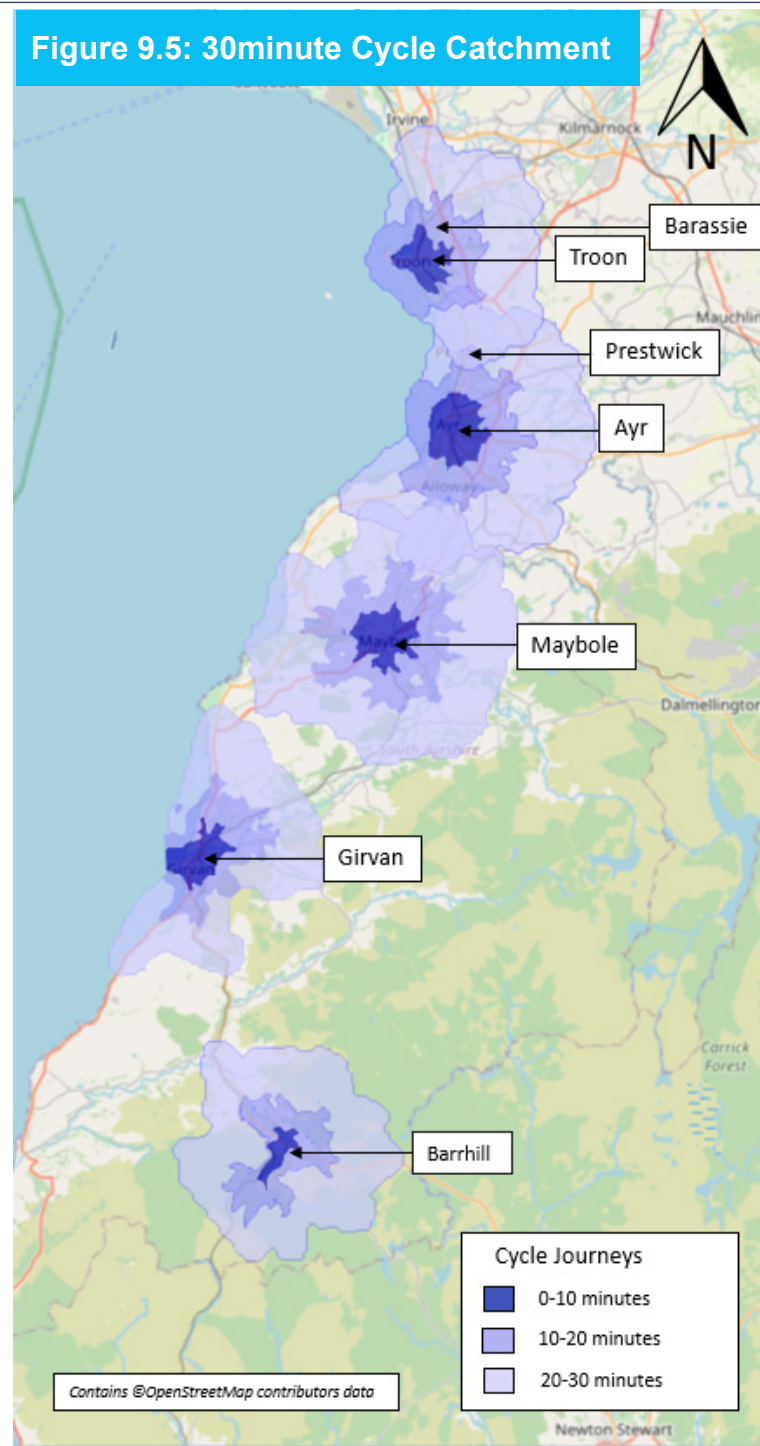
The following maps show the area reachable within 30minutes of cycling (8km), from each of South Ayrshire's train stations. It demonstrates that the majority of the population live within a reasonable distance of stations, however there is a lack of continuity in the quality of the routes which act as a deterrent.

Creating a linked network consisting of convenient train and bus services, linked by high quality walking and wheeling routes, with changing and storage facilities will enable a lasting shift from private car ownership.

The ongoing work of the Ayr Active Travel Hub helps place Active Travel high on the agenda within South Ayrshire. It is able to promote Active Travel as part of longer multi-modal journeys. It is a highly valuable resource and facilitates access to cycles as well as providing advice and running behaviour change events. Once the hubs new website is launched, this will further improve public access to travel information.



Figure 9.5: 30minute Cycle Catchment





BASELINE DATA

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Baseline Data

Wealth

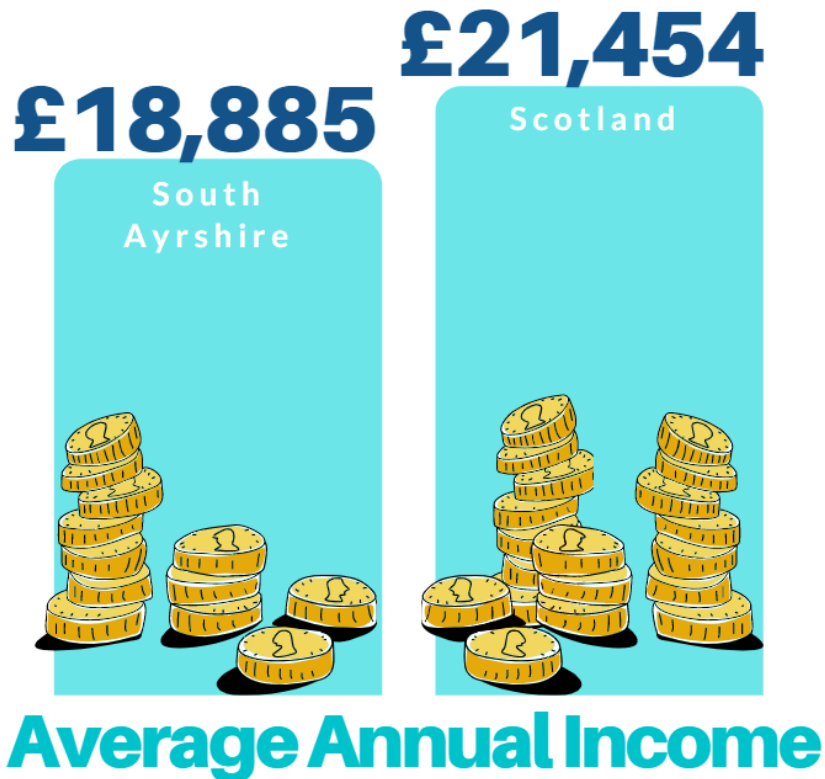
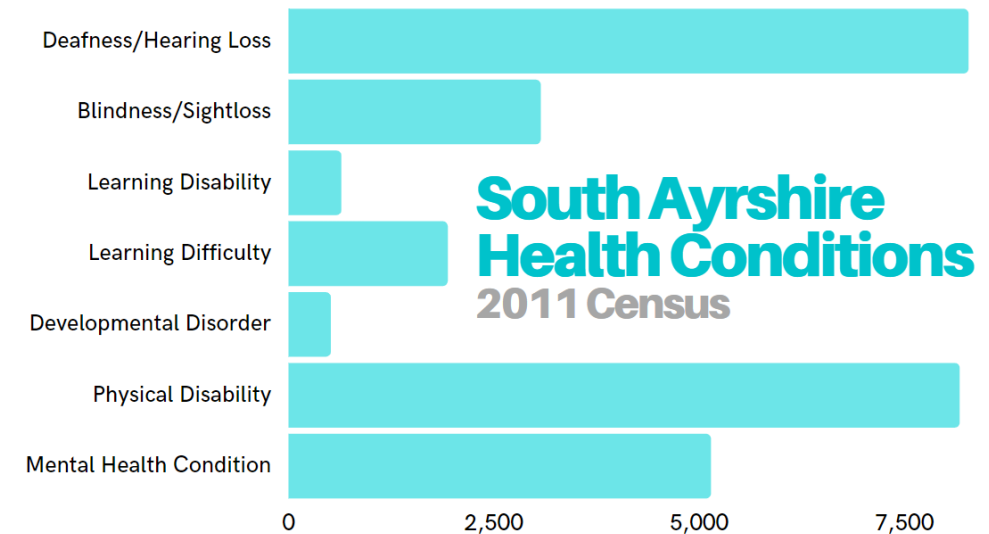
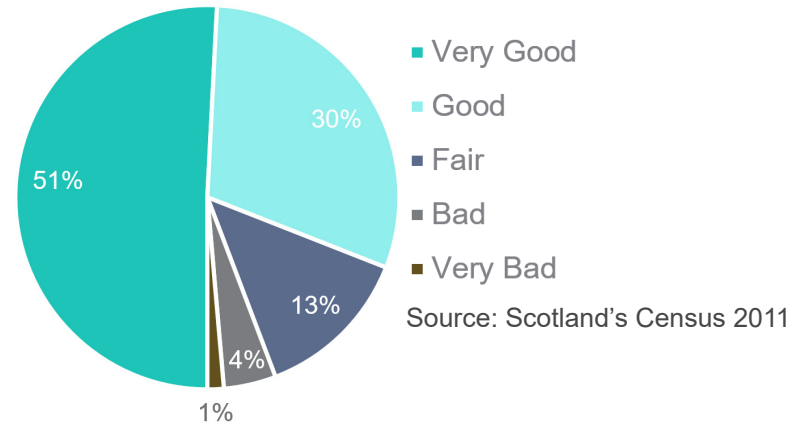
Active Travel infrastructure can improve equity of access. Transport accounted for the largest household spend per week at an average of £79.70.

Research shows that low-income households with access to frequent bus services had lower levels of car ownership, with just 37% of households having access to a car. Similar income households but with infrequent bus services recorded at 93% of households having access to a car. Access to key services is crucial to decreasing equality between high and low income households. Reliable, convenient and affordable public transport can help achieve this.

Health

The Scottish average for residents on long term sick or who are disabled is 5.1% but Ayrshire sits at 7.3%. More than 1/5th of South Ayrshire residents are recorded as having a 'long term activity-limiting health problem or disability' and 1 in 10 provide unpaid care.

The following chart shows the general health of South Ayrshire, from Very Good to Very Bad.



Source: Scotland's Census 2011

Travel Behaviour

Of those in work or education, **88%** work outside the home. 17% of those commuting journeys are active modes of travel, however the majority are private car journeys, accounting for **56%**.

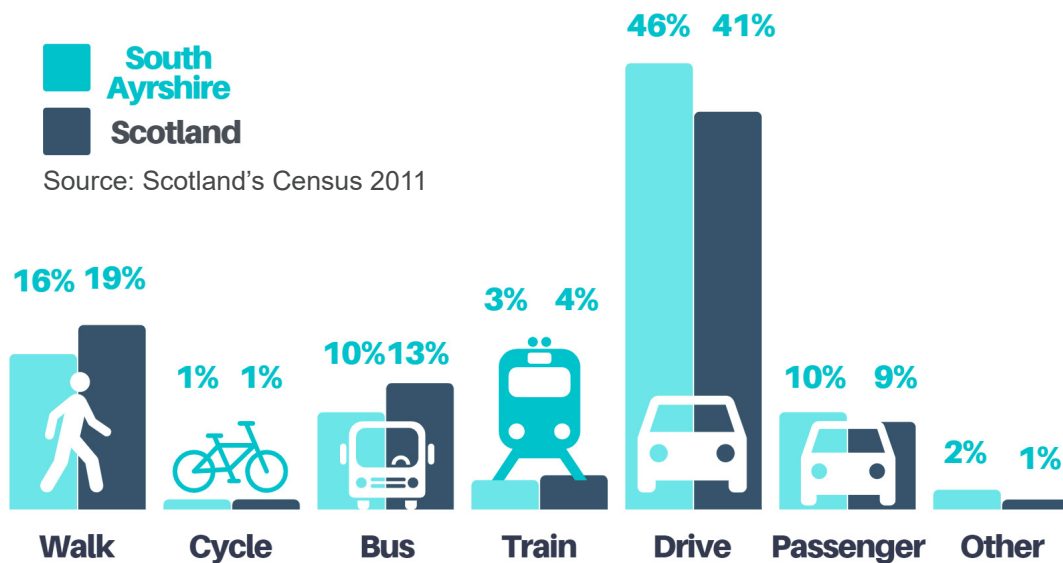
34% of those in education report having journeys less than 5km. These students could be excellent candidates for Active Travel, however good quality, safe infrastructure is required, connecting sites of education to residential areas.

Ensuring that those in employment or education, of all ages, have a safe and enjoyable commute options can help increase activity levels, reduce congestion and create a lasting shift away from single occupancy car journeys.

The graph below shows that South Ayrshire has lower levels of walking and public transport use compared to the Scottish average, but a higher dependency on private cars.



59,142
Regular Commuters



SCHOOLS DELIVER BIKEABILITY



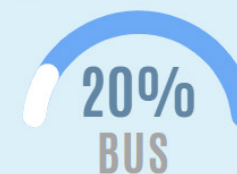
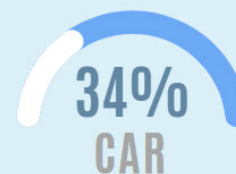
JOURNEYS LESS THAN 5KM

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL BY FOOT



STUDENT TRAVEL

Mode of travel for students aged 18+



“ **4.1% OF CHILDREN REGULARLY CYCLE TO PRIMARY SCHOOL** ”

HANDS UP SURVEY 2013

Travel Behaviour

The percentage of residents commuting to work or study by car, walking or Creating **20-minute neighbourhoods**, in line with government cycling in Ayr is shown below. The lowest rates of car use and highest rates guidance, where key services and amenities are within a 10minute of Active Travel can be seen in Ayr town centre, where there is the highest walk of residential areas, is proven to successfully increase rates concentration of public transport services, amenities and sites of employment of Active Travel and reduce the reliance on private vehicles. It also or education. This trend is echoed throughout South Ayrshire, with town increases equity of access for those on low incomes, with disabilities centres having higher rates of Active Travel and public transport uptake, and vulnerable road users. compared to rural or residential areas.

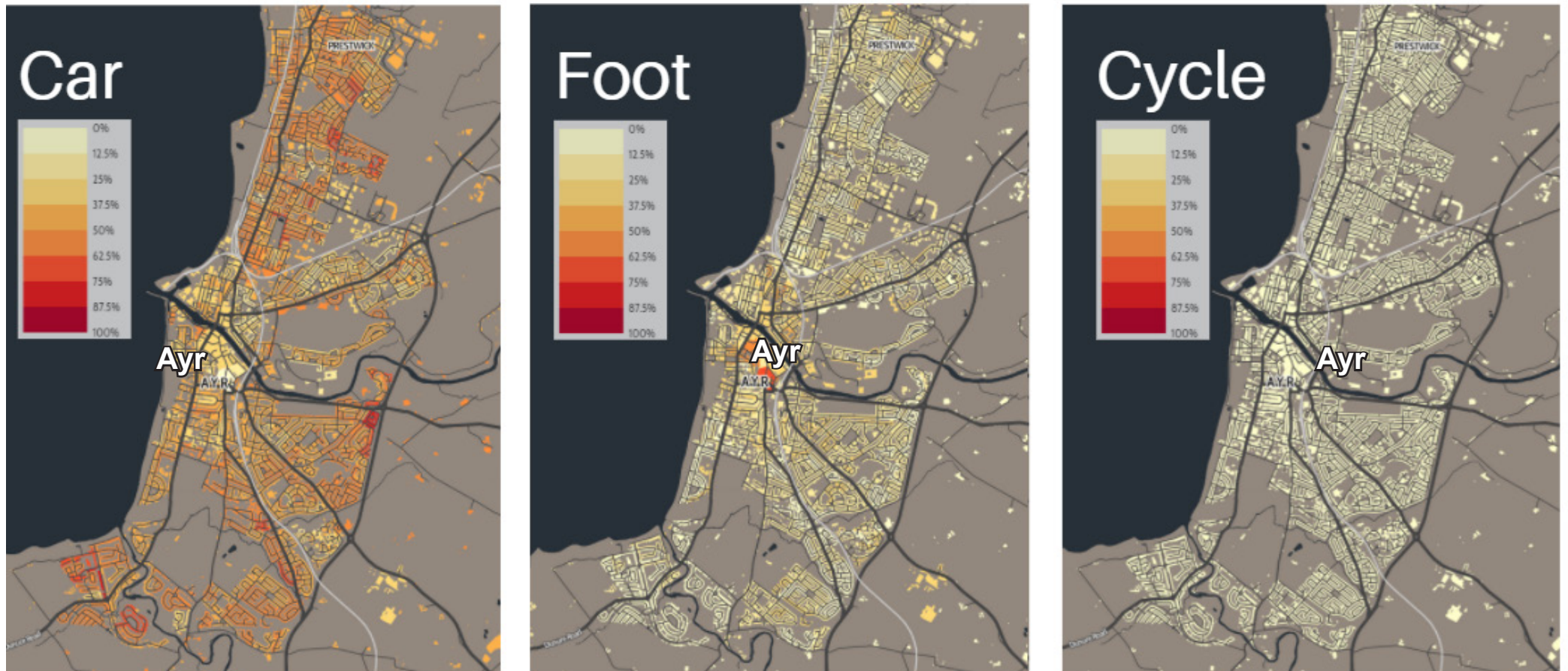


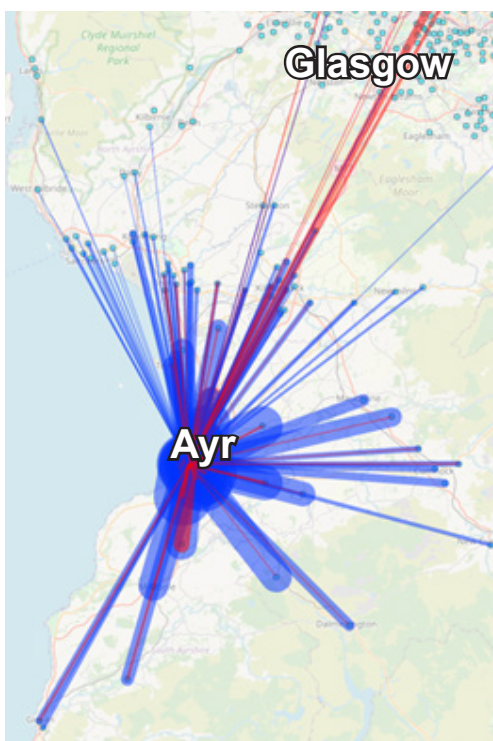
Figure 9.1: Percentage Commuting by Modes for Ayr

Commuter Flows

The Datashine database was used to identify key transport corridors to and from South Ayrshire by commuters. Blue lines indicate travel to the area and red lines indicate travel from the area. Ayr, Girvan, Troon and Monkton were all highlighted as key commuter destinations.

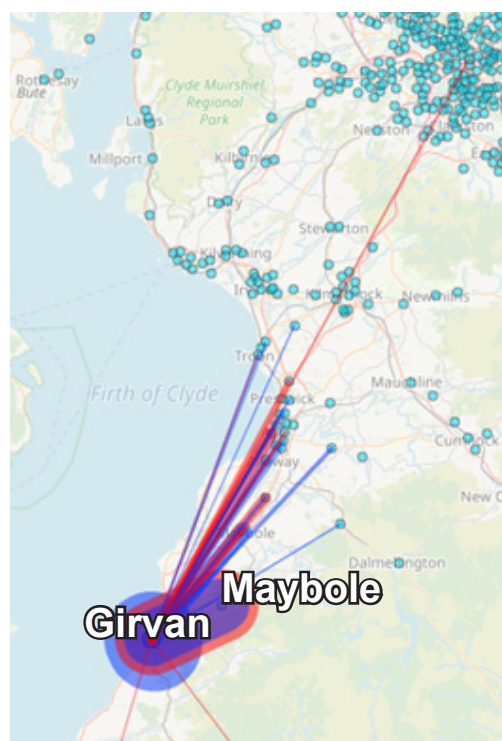
Ayr

The concentration of blue around Ayr indicates a high proportion of residents living and working in the area. Red lines show a number of people travelling from Ayr to Glasgow for work.



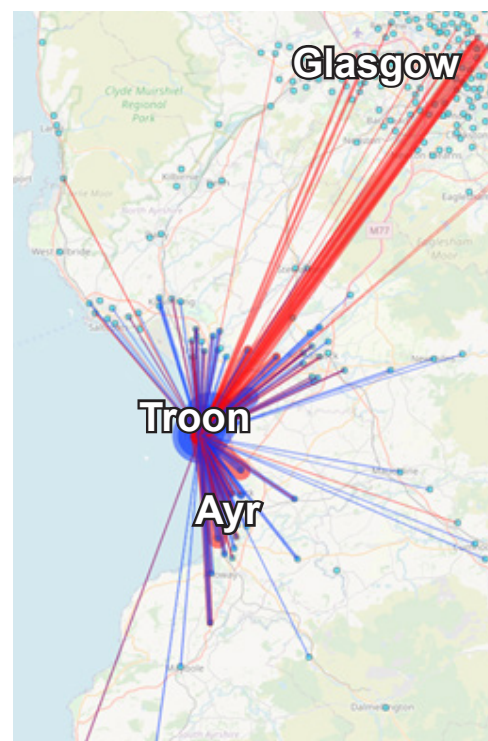
Girvan

Unlike Ayr, Girvan has a more local workforce, with a strong connection between Girvan and Maybole highlighted.



Troon

Troon also has a local workforce, as shown by the concentration of blue at Troon. However, it also has a higher number of workers travelling to Glasgow.



Monkton

Residents of Monkton can be seen to be fairly evenly dispersed throughout Ayrshire for their employment.

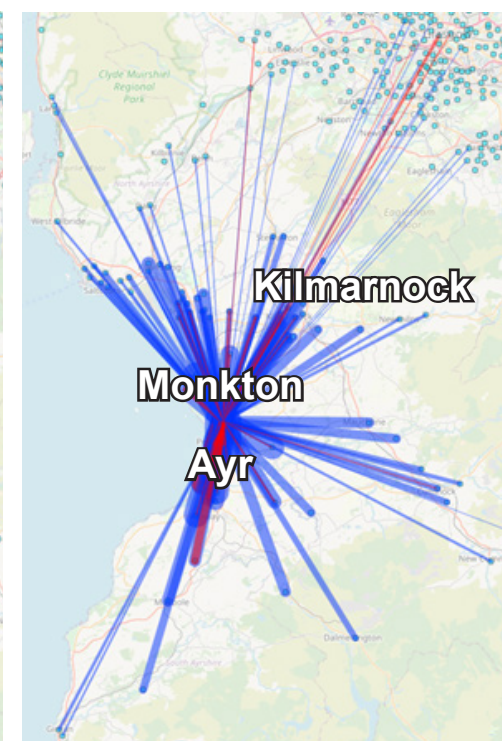
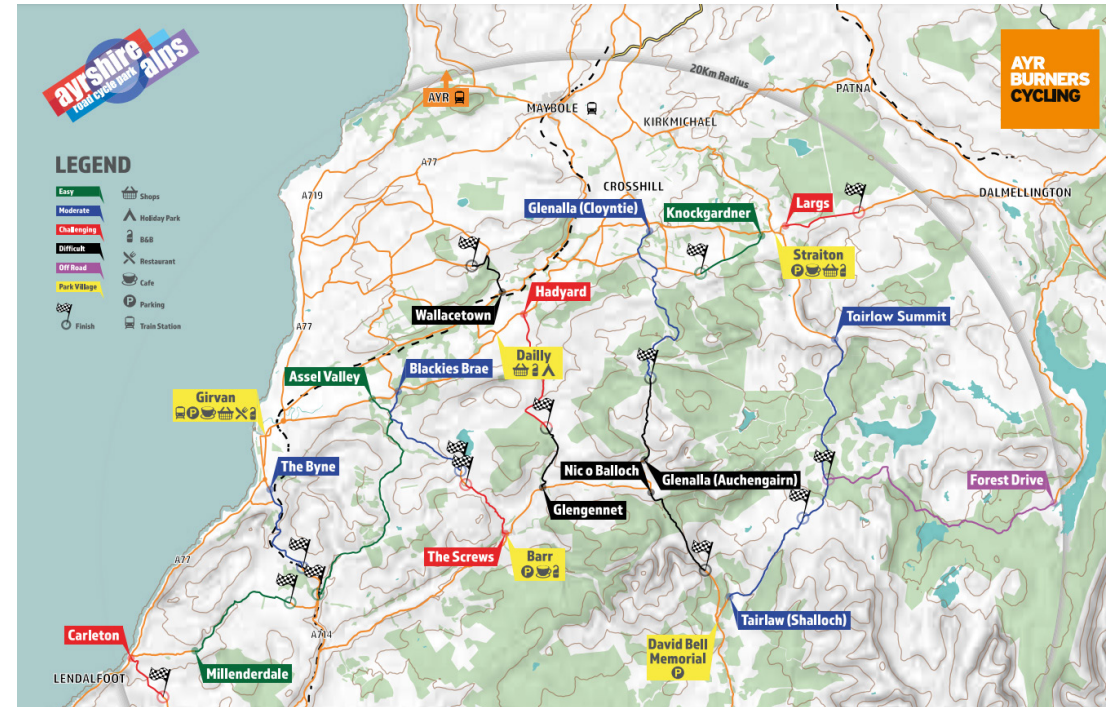


Figure 9.2: Key Commuting Sources & Destinations

Tourism forms an important part of the local economy in South Ayrshire. Overall, **47%** of all visitors in 2018 stayed in the area for one or more nights (26% of them in serviced accommodation), the remaining **53%** of visitors (790,000) were day visitors to the area. Overall visitor numbers to South Ayrshire have increased by 8.3% since 2012.

The 2021-22 budget outlines additional funding of £200,000 to provide enhanced facilities in tourist locations to encourage and accommodate visitors in various locations throughout South Ayrshire.

The map shows the routes in the 'Ayrshire Alps', a cycle park with the potential to attract people from across the Scottish Central Belt and Borders.



Source: Ayrshire Alps



Tourism brings to South Ayrshire:
4000 jobs
1.4 million visitors
£200 million income

Source: South Ayrshire Council



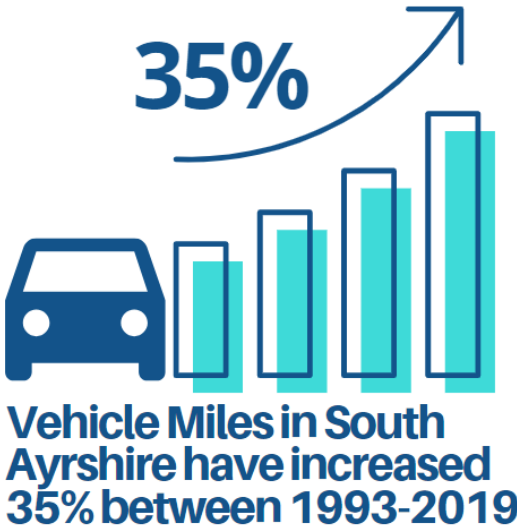
Travel Trends

Traffic Data from South Ayrshire reveals that the highest number of people cycling is recorded on major roads however, people cycling makes up a larger percentage of road users on minor roads, as shown in Figure 10.3

- The highest bike count is found on the A79, A719 and A70.
- The highest concentration of people travelling by bicycle is found on the B742
- The A714 was the only section of road with no recorded people on cycles in the study

The increasing vehicle journeys made in South Ayrshire are not unlike those seen throughout Scotland, but will act as a deterrent to those considering Active Travel. As raised in the consultation process, and reported in national studies, traffic levels and car speeds are a key factor reducing enjoyment and perceived safety for those travelling actively.

Increasing the number of people cycling on the roads is proven to reduce congestion. Cars are the least space-efficient way of moving people and goods around. A three metre wide lane can move 700-1,100 people per hour using cars, the same lane could facilitate 2,000-6,500 walking and cycling journeys.



Source: Department for Transport



Per square metre bike parking delivers 5x more retail spend than car parking

Source: The value of Cycling. Gov.uk

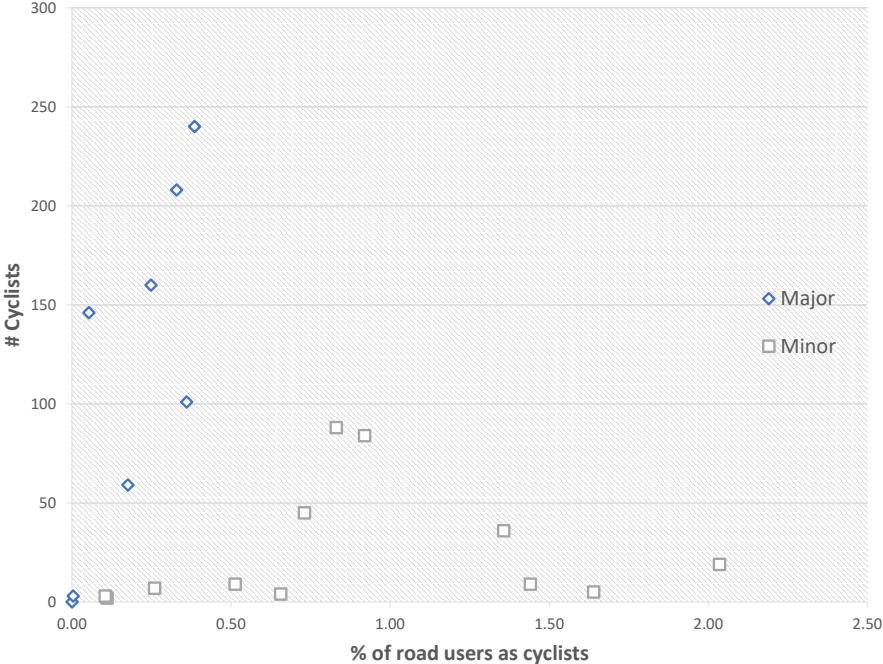


Figure 9.3: Location of Cycle Journeys

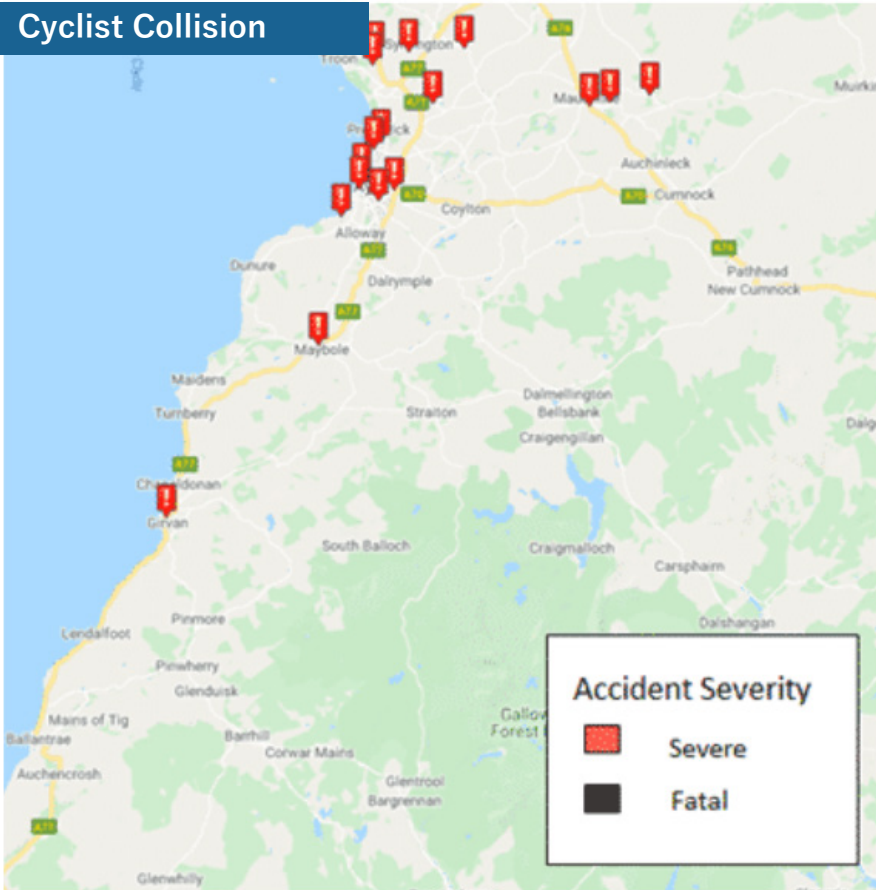
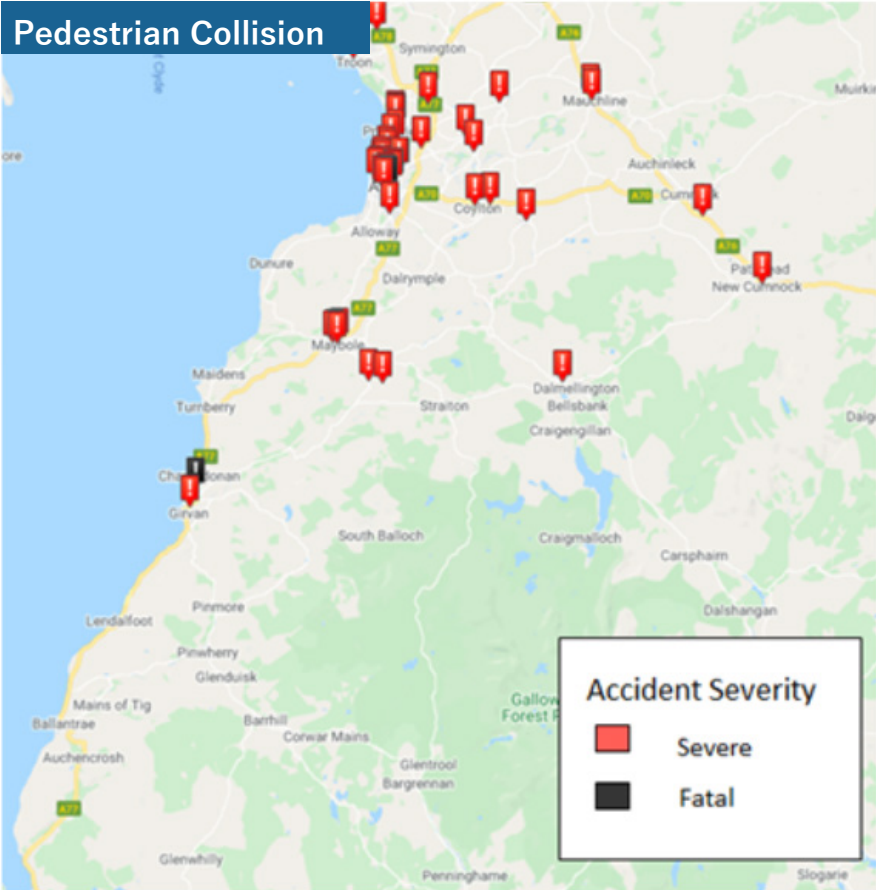
Collision Statistics

45% of all road collisions reported in South Ayrshire occurred on roads with a 21-30 mph speed limit. A further 45% of all road accidents reported occurred on roads with a 51-60mph speed limit. 76% all reported road collisions in South Ayrshire occurred on single carriageways. Of these single carriageway accidents, the majority, 48%, occurred away from junctions while 30%, occurred at 'T' or staggered junctions.

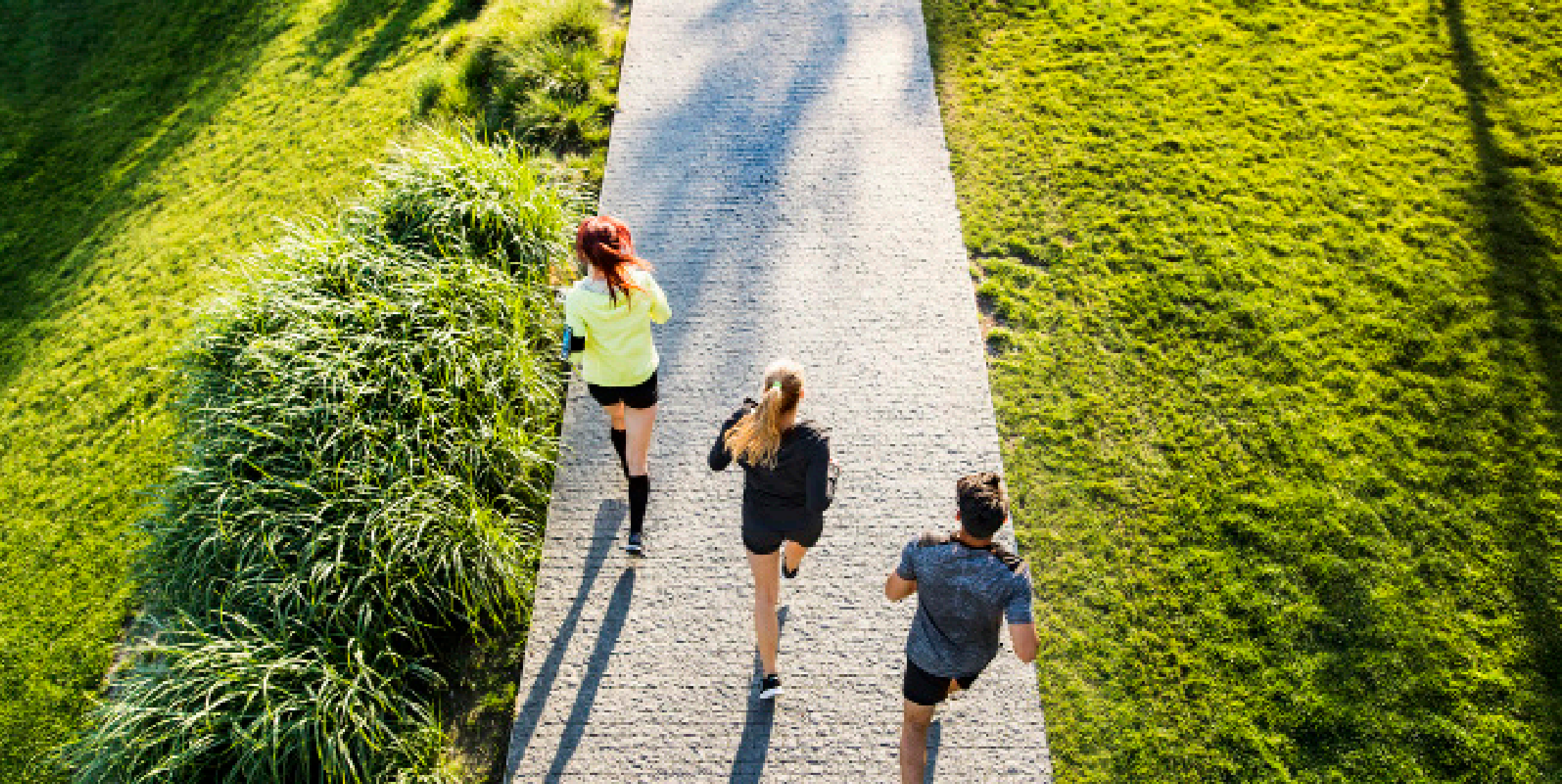
There is a clear concentration around Ayr town centre and along main A roads, this aligns with the concentration of commuter flows previously discussed. In the 5 year period, 2 collisions occurred in South Ayrshire that resulted in the fatality of a pedestrian, one in Girvan and one in Ayr. In the same period there are no recorded cyclists fatalities.

The Scottish Government have pledged to achieve Vision Zero by 2050, a scheme that aims to make roads safer for all users - supporting the belief that one death on Scottish roads is one too many.

The following maps show the number of serious or fatal road collisions involving a pedestrian or cyclist and any vehicle type between 2016-2020. It should be noted that collisions are assumed to be under-reported.



Source: Crash Map



MONITORING & EVALUATION

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In order to ensure that the Active Travel Strategy is successfully integrated it will be key to monitor and evaluate throughout and after completion, ensuring that key objectives are met. The following plan outlines how and when data will be collected, the analysis the data will undergo and how findings will be shared.

Review allows a time to highlight the successes and barriers and to re-evaluate. It may be suitable to introduce remedial measures, if targets are not met, or to increase ambitions if targets are reached early. Full reviews are proposed after 5 and 10 years, with intermediate light reviews annually.

An Active Travel Forum, consisting of identified key stakeholder representatives and elected members, will meet quarterly to oversee, monitor and implement progress against the action plan.

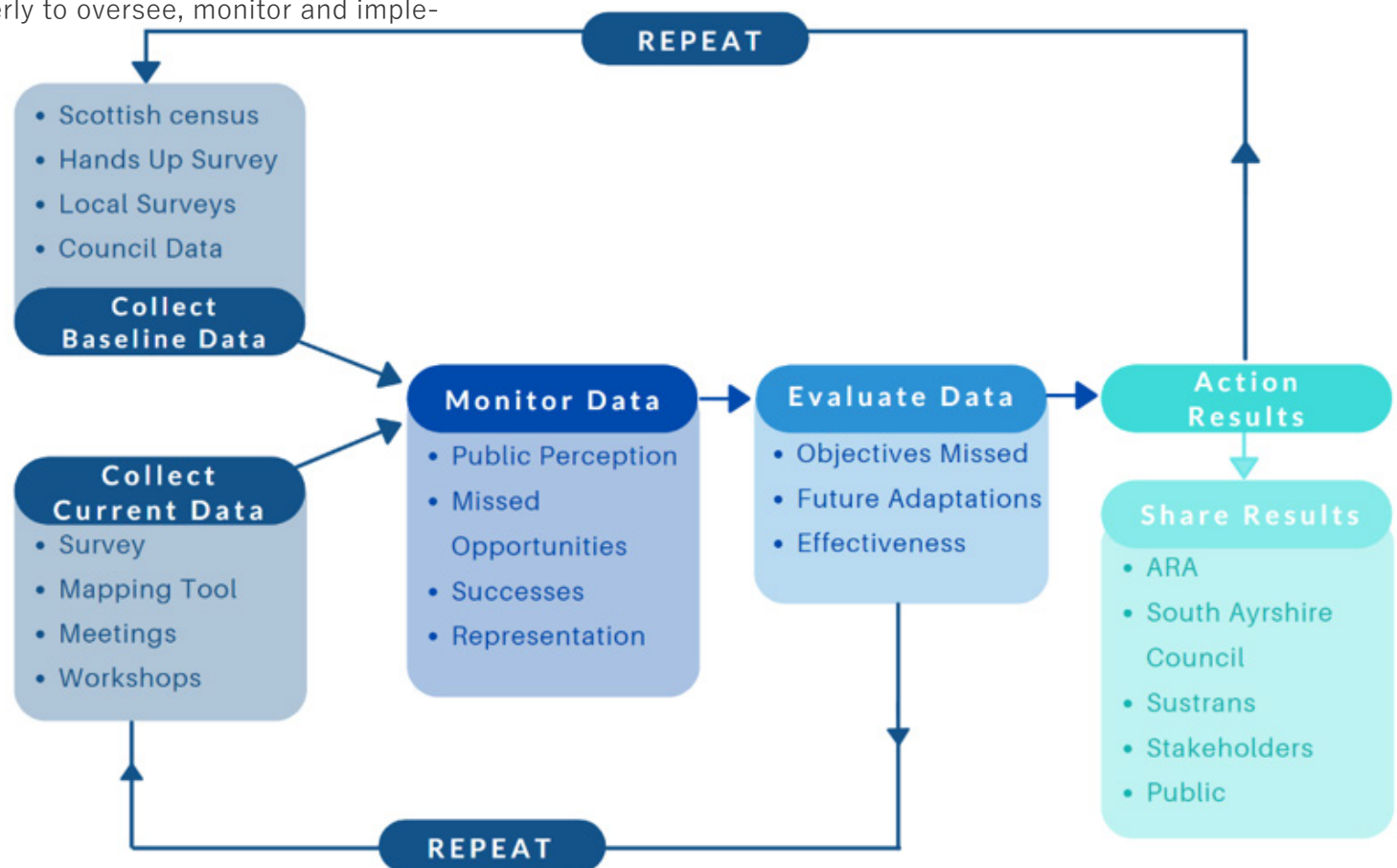
In addition to the forum, quarterly updates will be reported on the progress of the strategy to Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee, with an annual report also provided to the Council's Partnerships Panel.

Projects identified to be progressed from the action plan would also be incorporated into the ARA's Annual Road Service Plan for any given financial year.

Effective monitoring and Evaluation will allow the Strategy to:

- Reach objectives
- Improve plans
- Empower the community through involvement
- Ensure accountability
- Influence future Active Travel plans
- Share learning and key data
- Contribute to South Ayrshire's existing database

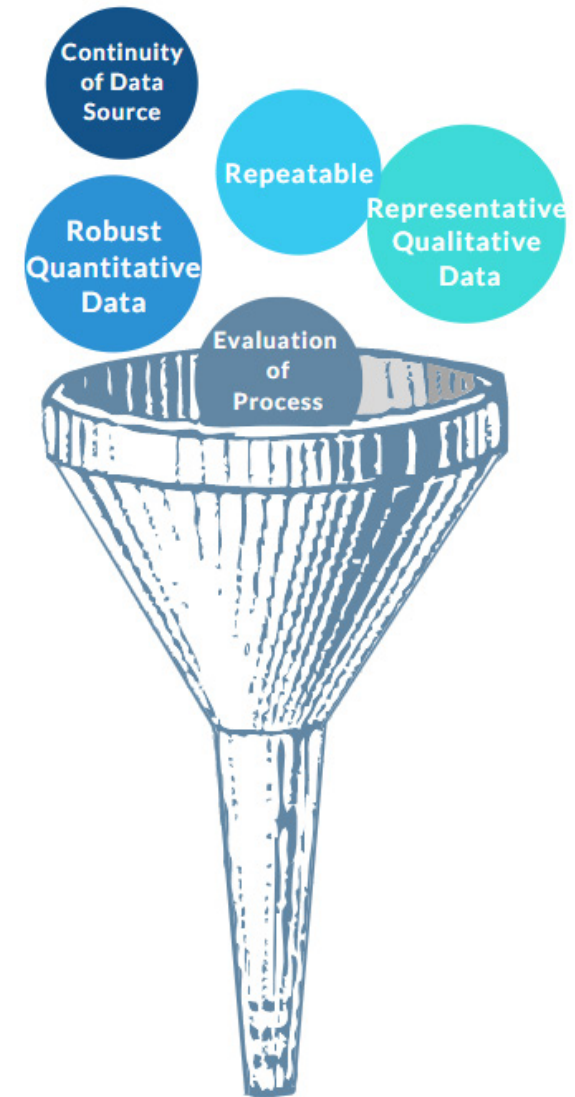
To ensure findings and data are of high quality, a vigorous methodology



Monitoring and evaluation will continue beyond the initial strategy. It will be used to evaluate the success of the proposed projects as well as adapt projects to changes in the future.

Continuing to collect qualitative and quantitative data through consultation, automatic counters and monitors will allow for accurate evaluation of the progress of Active Travel in South Ayrshire over the next 10 years and beyond. The following table outlines the data that has already been collected to inform the strategy, alongside the data which should be continued to be collected.

| Data | Source | Collection | Quality |
|---|-------------------------------|---|---------|
| Road Accidents | Crashmap & BTP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | Medium |
| Census | Scottish Census (2011 & 2022) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | High |
| Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation | Scottish Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | High |
| NHS Ayrshire & Arran Health Index | NHS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | High |
| Local Economic State | S.A.C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | Medium |
| Hands Up Survey | Sustrans | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | Medium |
| Route Audit | Sweco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior | Medium |
| Public Survey | Sweco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | Medium |
| Stakeholder Survey | Sweco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | Medium |
| Online Mapping Tool | Sweco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During | Medium |
| Stakeholder Workshops | Sweco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During | Medium |
| Cycling Rates | Cycle Scotland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior ○ Post | High |



Quality Monitoring and Evaluation

The sources referenced throughout the strategy are shown below:

- A long-term vision for Active Travel in Scotland 2030
- Ayr Active Travel Hub
- Ayrshire Alps
- Bike Security: Police Scotland
- Cleaner Air for Scotland: the road to a healthy Future 2015
- Climate Action Plan for Scotland 2017
- Climate Change Action Plan: Securing a Green Recovery on a Path to Net Zero 2018-2032
- Crash Map
- Cycling Scotland Annual Cycling Monitoring Report 2020
- Data Shine Database
- Department of Transport: Statistics
- Future of Mobility: inequalities in mobility and access
- National Transport Strategy 2020-2040
- Regional Transport Strategy: A catalyst for change 2008-2021
- Scotland's Census 2011
- Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030
- SCOTS National Roads development Guide
- South Ayrshire Council Parking Strategy 2020-2024
- South Ayrshire Council Tourism Figures
- South Ayrshire Local Transport Strategy 2009-2014
- Strategic Transport Project Review 2
- The Dutch Reach
- The Value of Cycling



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Summary of Feedback from Consultation Draft Publication of Active Travel Strategy

| Response Theme | Comment (summarised) | Recommendation | Action |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Issue with Project | Felt the project was pointless when the council/ARA have been removing bike racks in Ayr | No Action Required | None |
| | Waste of money to create more footpaths between Troon and Loans. Money should be spent on repairing roads | No Action Required | None |
| | Lack of specific plans to deter vehicle use | Inf-8 and Inf 9 cover this - can be expanded to offer specific response over time. | None |
| | Would like more detail about who the stakeholders were | Specify breakdown of stakeholders in report e.g. 10% councillor, 10% 3rd sector | Amendment on page 34, paragraph 1. |
| | Action scoring system isn't clear enough | Add section to clarify that green is Very High, Yellow is high and Orange is moderate. | Amendment of page 13, paragraph 3 |
| | P53 include caveat that accidents are underreported | To Add caveat that accidents are under reported | Amendment of page 53, paragraph 2 |
| | Actions are too summarised-lose detail | No Action Required - specific detail cannot be provided on projects and infrastructure proposals which will have their own consultation | None |
| | Want to see commitment from council on spend and dates | Clarify the time scale of short medium long as 2yrs, 5 yrs and 10yrs respectively. | Amendment of page 14, paragraph 2. |
| | | No action on spend as that cannot be confirmed but a section on council transport allowance for AT could be included. | None |
| | Demand Criteria isn't appropriate-e.g., Kelpies | Add a section to Campaign on 'Art' and mention the Sustrans Artroots fund. | Amendment of page 13, paragraph 4 |
| | Volume criteria doesn't account for visitors | No Action Required-projects main focus is local travel and commuting. | None |
| | Need a safety Criteria e.g., how well does this project reduce safety concern. | No Action Required, This is covered by Existing Scheme criteria. | None |
| | Recent reports not included from Aug 2021 | Not actioned as strategy refers to reports from time of creation | None |
| | Time frames are too vague | As above-confirm short/Med/Long meaning | Amendment of page 14, paragraph 2. |
| | Criteria headings are vague | No Action Required | None |
| | Lack of timeframe and targets | As above-confirm timeframes | Amendment of page 14, paragraph 2. |
| | Need an implementation plan and an implementation group made by council | The proposal is for a reformed Active Travel Forum to oversee progress and review of the Strategy | Amendment of page 55, paragraph 3. |
| | Docs from Aug 2021 need included | Not actioned as strategy refers to reports from time of creation | None |
| | Who is responsible for what actions? | This is ultimately an ARA document prepared on behalf of SAC, therefore actions sit in the first instance with ARA | Amendment of page 14, paragraph 5 |
| | Emphasize the need for funding and maintenance | Add in the issue of funding for maintenance to Consultation section | Amendment of page 35, paragraph 4 |
| | Review more often than 5 years-light touch reviews | Add to monitoring section that light touch review will be undertaken | Amendment of page 55, paragraph 2 |
| | Make time frames more clear-add 2, 5 and 10 year | Add time frames to the Short/Med/Long | Amendment of page 14, paragraph 2. |
| | Policy review should also include sport leisure Strat, council plan 2018-2022, tourism Strat, sustainable development, and climate change Strat, plans for new schools and developments. | Add to Policy review | Amendment of page 26 and 27 |
| | Pol 7- add a clear vision for standards e.g., used by 12year old. | Add to Pol 7 | Amendment of page 20, Policy-07 |
| | Key priorities are not clear | No Action Required-Objectives laid out on page 10. | None |
| | Supportive of re-use of old railways as AT corridors | No Action Required | None |
| | Lack of cycle routes in Ayr and Prestwick | No Action Required-Routes here have been identified. | None |
| No Action Required | | None | |
| Add comment on illegal parking enforcement e.g. bollards or ticketing | | Amendment of page 21, Pol-14 | |

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| Cycle Routes | NC7 at Doon foot needs lit and segregated | No Action Required-Lighting audit specified | None |
| | More maintenance of paths is required e.g. Prestwick/Troon. | Strategy proposes vegetation/surface and lighting audit | None |
| | Need cycle path along Main Prestwick/Ayr Road. | No Action Required | None |
| | Culzean way should be made an equestrian route too. | No Action Required-this hasn't been mentioned by any other stakeholder or member of public | None |
| | Promote what shared use paths are, will decrease conflict. | Add comment on clear signage education on Shared use | Amendment of page 18, Inf-06 & page 38, paragraph 5 |
| | Shared use paths often feel just like pedestrian footways | Add comment on clear signage education on Shared use | Amendment of page 18, Inf-06 & page 38, paragraph 5 |
| | Vegetation is overgrown in areas | Strategy proposes vegetation audit | None |
| | Create proper route from Residential area/Sainsburys to Heathfield park | Connection raised in Strategy | None |
| | Supports Culzean way | No Action Required | None |
| | Culzean way should be accessible to all including prams/wheelchairs. | No Action Required-Accessibility mentioned in inf 7, inf 10, inf 14, inf16 and inf 17 | None |
| | Rest stops/toilets will be needed on Culzean way | No Action Required | None |
| | Mapping/info should be available on routes online/paper to be viewed in advance | No Action Required-Edu-4 | None |
| | Action Pro-26 access already exists on that side, access is needed from nurse ave. | Review | Amendment of page 17, Pro-26 |
| | Use of underpasses should be reconsidered due to directness and safety | Specific to a particular project | None |
| | Support Culzean way | No Action Required | None |
| | Have gate left open on Golf course Maryborough Road | No Action Required-Covered in Inf16 | None |
| | Drop kerbs at Hawkhill Ave. | No Action Required but should be noted by council- section where hawkhill meets back hawkhill. | None |
| | Supports Culzean Way | No Action Required | None |
| | Supports Holmston Round about link and Culzean Way | No Action Required | None |
| | Loans Troon route is underused and used large funds | Highlights need for route promotion and monitoring | Amendment of page 38, paragraph 6 |
| | LED lights on routes are damaging to wildlife | Add comment on appropriate lighting | Amendment of page 18, Inf-11 |
| | 20mph zones will better protect cyclists that rural cycle routes. | There is little that can be done about higher road speeds in rural areas between settlements, other than to look into improving the off-road network | None |
| | Supports Culzean Way | No Action Required | None |
| | Widen footpaths on North Harbour St | No action Required but should eb noted by council. | None |
| | Introduce 20mph zones | Work to introduce new 20mph schemes across the authority area is ongoing | None |
| Add more neighbourhood routes and 20mph zones. | As above | None | |
| Route from Doonfoot to Culzean | No Action Required | None | |
| Crossings | Roundabouts to be replaced with signalised ped crossings | No Action Required-crossings at roundabouts on A77 mentioned in | None |
| | Underpasses are unsafe-create ped crossings | Appropriately designed underpasses are safe, and in some instances may be the only viable option if at grade crossings and bridges are undeliverable | None |
| | Give priority to peds | Priority crossings mentioned in Inf 2 | None |
| | Remove smart crossings as if you don't stand close enough, they switch off | No action required - smart crossing sensors do not cancel when someone moves away. They work in the same way as the push button - once activated only the ped phase will cancel the demand | None |
| | Crossing for A77 to Ailsa hospital is crucial | No Action Required | None |
| | Crossing for A77 to Ailsa hospital is crucial-is footbridge possible. | No Action Required | None |

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|--------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Bike Hire | In support of community bike hire. Suggests emulating Bournemouth's scheme. | No Action Required | None |
| Road Surface | Potholes are safety issue | No Action Required | None |
| | Potholes are safety issue | No Action Required | None |
| Training | Bikeability is great, but training needs extended to adults | Split Edu-5 to mention in school training and adult training. | Amendment of page 22, Edu-5 |
| | Promote what shared use paths are, will decrease conflict. | Add comment on clear signage education on Shared use | Amendment of page 18, Inf-6 |
| | opt out option should be clarified to state individual parent not school | Unfortunately the training cannot proceed without the agreement of the school | None |
| | Create pump track for young people | No Action Required - this is a leisure facility which would sit with colleagues in Sport & Leisure | None |
| | More education needed on what shared use means | Add comment on clear signage education on Shared use | Amendment of page 18, Inf-6 |
| Services | Sch-1 creation of more hubs isn't necessary, just increase focus on outreach. | There is a limit to how much outreach support a single hub will be able to provide, especially across the entire geography of SAC | None |
| | Need for bikes on buses | No Action Required. Whilst this can be pursued with Stagecoach, ARA have no powers to deliver against this item | None |
| | Bike Shops should be stocked with AT info | No Action Required- Edu-2 | None |
| | Make local AT info easier to find-perhaps create an APP | This action sits primarily with the Active Travel Hub Ayr, and will be developed further | Amendment of page 45, paragraph 3 |
| Policy | Introduce 20mph in villages | This process is ongoing and will be progressed throughout SAC | None |

South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

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Further guidance is available here: [Assessing impact and the Public Sector Equality Duty: a guide for public authorities \(Scotland\)](#)

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1. Policy details

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Policy Title | South Ayrshire Council Active Travel Strategy |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Kevin Braidwood, Head of Roads - Kevin.Braidwood@ayrshireroadsalliance.org |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | No | Yes |
| Disability | No | Yes |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | No | Yes |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | No | Yes |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | No | Yes |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | No | Yes |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | No | Yes |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | No | Yes |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | No | Yes |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | No | Yes |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | - |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | - |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | - |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | - |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | - |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
|---|---|
| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | High positive impact. SAC shall be seen to offer facilities which encourage tourists and positive impacts on the local economy. |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | No adverse impact identified. Low |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | No adverse impact identified. Low |

5. Summary Assessment

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| Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High) | <p style="text-align: center;">— YES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO</p> |
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Rationale for decision:

There are no negative implications associated with these proposals which are designed to deal with known issues around unregulated parking. All objectives shall be applied to ensure equality in approach and inclusion

Signed : Kevin Braidwood

Head of Roads

Date: 2 February 2022

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Assistant Director – Place
to Leadership Panel
of 8 March 2022

Subject: Services to Gypsy/ Travellers – Site to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/ Traveller Encampments

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Leadership Panel with details of a potentially suitable site for a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments in South Ayrshire.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

2.1.1 considers the information presented and confirms the preferred location;

2.1.2 approves the development of a Transit site at the preferred location as suggested in section 4.2 and requests officers ;

2.1.3 requests officers to undertake consultation with the local community and the Gypsy/ Traveller community on the preferred location;

2.1.4 requests officers to carry out full design and feasibility study for the preferred location; and

2.1.5 requests that officers report back to the Leadership Panel by June 2022.

3. Background

3.1 The Leadership Panel of 15 June 2021 considered and approved the report entitled *'Services to Gypsy/Travelers – Update from Member/Officer Working Group and Proposed Future Actions'*.

3.2 It was agreed that the Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) should work to identify and consider potentially suitable sites to provide a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments in South Ayrshire, and bring proposals to a future meeting of the Leadership Panel.

3.3 In 2019, the Scottish Government and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) published a joint action plan entitled *'Improving the Lives of Scotland's*

Gypsy/Travellers (2019–2021)'. One of the key areas within the plan is to provide more and better accommodation.

- 3.4 The MOWG Group has acknowledged that existing provision for settled travellers at Houdston Reid-Lea, Girvan is sufficient to meet demand. However, one of the immediate 'gaps' in provision, is around the availability of a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments that occur in South Ayrshire. As part of the process in managing unauthorised encampments, dialogue has taken place with Gypsy/Travellers, who have indicated that a site within Ayr or Prestwick or around the outskirts of these areas would be favourable.
- 3.5 Through the process of identifying potentially suitable sites to offer a 'negotiated stopping approach or a more formal transit site provision, contact has been made with the landowners/agents of Bargany Estate and Cassillis Estate. Both have confirmed that they do not have any land holdings suitable and appropriate for this purpose. In addition, enquiries were made with the National Farmers Union on potential sites within the local farming community, however they have also advised that no suitable land is available. An enquiry was also made to a landowner at Mosshill Industrial Estate, who has confirmed that the land is not available for sale. A number of private landowners have also been contacted as part of the process.
- 3.6 The MOWG has reported back to the Leadership Panel on 15 June and 24 August 2021 and Members should refer to both papers for further background information and the decision-making process undertaken to date. The previous paper in August presented 5 potential locations with members deciding to discount 4 of the locations to leave the proposal for Cockhill Farm, Ayr.
- 3.7 Panel also requested that all elected members be allowed a further opportunity to submit suggested locations and that officers consider any further options not brought forward previously. An additional 3 sites, all under private ownership were presented and discussed at the MOWG and subsequently ruled out following engagement with the landowner. This left the Cockhill Farm site and the MOWG requested that a full members briefing be arranged to provide all elected members the relevant information on the site and allow the opportunity to discuss and give their view on the potential location. The members briefing was held on 23 February 2022.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 As outlined in previous papers, there is a clear need for a designated area and a level of support provision for Gypsy/Travellers. This could be in the form of a 'Negotiated Stopping Place' with the provision of basic amenities or a transit/temporary stopping site. Following contact with COSLA Officials, it has been confirmed that the Scottish Government's new funding streams for Gypsy/Traveller accommodation offers an opportunity for bids to be made for transit/temporary stopping site provision. The first round for Government funding has now closed therefore any bids by South Ayrshire Council will be in subsequent rounds.
- 4.2 The costs associated with 'Negotiated Stopping' are not eligible for that fund, as this is regarded as a multi-agency approach to managing provision of services to Gypsy/Travellers who are spending short periods of time camping roadside. This approach would not typically incur capital costs, and at this time it is not regarded as a form of eligible accommodation. Therefore, costs associated with establishing the 'negotiated stopping place' approach would require to be met by the Council

from its' own budgets. Given the opportunity for Scottish Government funding it is proposed that should the preferred location progress, that this is on the basis of a Transit site and that the appropriate grant funding be sought from the Scottish Government.

- 4.3 Following feedback from the MOWG and the subsequent members briefing, Panel is asked to confirm Cockhill Farm, Ayr as the preferred location of a site to support Gypsy/ Traveller encampments. Following approval, it is proposed to carry out a consultation with the local community and the Gypsy/ Traveller community on the preferred location. At the same time, a full design and feasibility study will be undertaken to determine site layout, establish accurate costings and consider any road and traffic implications. Officers will also engage with CoSLA and the Scottish Government to ensure that detailed proposals meet national guidelines and align with the grant application process for capital funding.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The design and feasibility study will be in the region of £50,000 and will be met from within current resources.
- 6.2 The estimated capital cost relating to the provision of a transit/temporary stopping site is in the region of £900,000. Scottish Government grant funding is available; however, any shortfall will be required to be met by the Council. Revenue costs will be established once full design and feasibility study has been completed and an appropriate revenue budget will require to be identified.
- 6.3 The estimated capital cost relating to the provision of a 'negotiated stopping place' approach is in the region of £420,000 and at present there is no funding allocated within the Capital Programme for this purpose. Ongoing revenue costs is estimated at £3,000 per week when the site is in use. Further options can be explored to reduce revenue costs, including the purchase and storage of these facilities when not in use, however an appropriate revenue budget will require to be identified.
- 6.4 The ultimate financial implications will depend on which option is progressed, therefore an update on the financial implication and source of funding will be included in the report to Leadership Panel in June 2022.

7. Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

- 8.1.1 Although the preferred site has been identified, there is a risk that further site investigations or considerations may impact on its ultimate suitability. In addition, the information contained in previous reports is based on unauthorised encampment activity since 2019. Proposals outlines in this

paper are based on the travel pattern and recurring encampments of the current Gypsy/ Travelling community. If this were to change, it should be acknowledged that this may well impact on the needs and demand for site provision in the future.

- 8.1.2 It should also be noted that the provision of a designated area of land for negotiated stopping or transit/temporary stopping site provision may not entirely provide a solution to, or prevent, future unauthorised encampments.

8.2 ***Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations***

- 8.2.1 If the recommendations are rejected, this is likely to impact on the Council's pace of progress to improve experiences and outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers.

9. **Equalities**

- 9.1 A full equalities impact assessment has been carried out on the proposals contained in the report and is attached as [Appendix 1](#).

10. **Sustainable Development Implications**

- 10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy, or strategy.

11. **Options Appraisal**

- 11.1 A list of potentially suitable sites are outlined at [Appendix 1](#). An options appraisal has been carried out to identify the strengths, weaknesses and planning considerations that relate to each of the identified sites.

12. **Link to Council Plan**

- 12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitments 1 and 6 of the Council Plan: Fair and Effective Leadership/ Leadership that Promotes Fairness; and A Better Place to Live/ Enhanced environment through social, cultural, and economic activities.

13. **Results of Consultation**

- 13.1 If approved, full consultation will be undertaken with the local community as well as the Gypsy/ Traveller community.
- 13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Julie Dettbarn, Portfolio Holder for Adults' Health and Social Care, Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and Councillor Philip Saxton, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Wellbeing, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

14. **Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes**

- 14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Assistant Director – Place will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation

of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

| <i>Implementation</i> | <i>Due date</i> | <i>Managed by</i> |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Undertake design and feasibility study for preferred location | June 2022 | Service Lead – Professional Design Services |
| Undertake consultation with local community and Gypsy/ Traveller community | June 2022 | Service Lead – Housing Services |
| Provide update to the Leadership Panel | June 2022 | Assistant Director - Place |

Background Papers [Scottish Government/ COSLA Joint Action Plan – Improving the Lives of Gypsy/ Travellers: 2019-2021 – October 2019](#)

[Report to Leadership Panel of 15 June 2021 – Services to Gypsy/ Travellers – Update from Member/ Officer Working Group and Proposed Future Actions](#)

[Report to Leadership Panel of 24 August 2021 – Services to Gypsy/ Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/ Traveller Encampments](#)

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Date: 1 March 2022

South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

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Further guidance is available here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/assessing-impact-and-public-sector-equality-duty-guide-public-authorities/>

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1. Policy details

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Policy Title | Services to Gypsy/Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email) | Kevin Carr, Assistant Director – Place – kevin.carr@south-ayrshire.gov.uk |

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

| Community or Groups of People | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Age – men and women, girls & boys | - | Yes |
| Disability | - | Yes |
| Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity) | - | Yes |
| Marriage or Civil Partnership | - | Yes |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | - | Yes |
| Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers | - | Yes |
| Religion or Belief (including lack of belief) | - | Yes |
| Sex – gender identity (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys) | - | Yes |
| Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight | - | Yes |
| Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights | - | Yes |

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage? (Fairer Scotland Duty). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

| Socio-Economic Disadvantage | Negative Impacts | Positive impacts |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing | - | Yes |
| Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | - | Yes |
| Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies | - | Yes |
| Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport) | - | Yes |
| Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent’s education, employment and income | - | Yes |

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

| General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the ‘Three Key Needs’ of the Equality Duty | Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low) |
|---|---|
| Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation | Positive – High |
| Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not | Positive – High |
| Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?) | Positive – High |
| Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life | Positive – High |
| Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups | Positive – High |
| Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups | Positive – High |
| Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups | Positive – High |

5. Summary Assessment

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| <p>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)</p> | YES |
| <p>Rationale for decision:</p> <p>This report relates to Services to Gypsy/Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments, the Council’s decision could potentially lead to extending provision of accommodation and support to a specific group. The Council’s decision has equality implications.</p> | |
| <p>Signed : Kevin Carr Assistant Director</p> <p>Date: 24 February 2022</p> | |

**South Ayrshire Council
Equality Impact Assessment including Fairer Scotland Duty**

Section One: Policy Details*

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|--|---|
| Name of Policy | Services to Gypsy/Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments |
| Lead Officer (Name/Position) | Kevin Carr, Assistant Director – Place – kevin.carr@south-ayrshire.gov.uk |
| Support Team (Names/Positions) including Critical Friend | Michael Alexander – Service Lead – Housing Services Pauline Draper – Co-ordinator - Housing |

*The term Policy is used throughout the assessment to embrace the full range of policies, procedures, strategies, projects, applications for funding or financial decisions.

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| What are the main aims of the policy? | To identify a potential site to provide a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments in South Ayrshire. |
| What are the intended outcomes of the policy? | The Council is being requested to support the provision of more and better accommodation for Gypsy/Travellers. |

Section Two: What are the Likely Impacts of the Policy?

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| Will the policy impact upon the whole population of South Ayrshire and/or particular groups within the population? (please specify) | The identification of a suitable site to provide a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments in South Ayrshire, will ensure that an adequate and safe area is available. Given the relatively small numbers proposed, the policy is expected to have minimal impact on the whole population of South Ayrshire. |
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Considering the following Protected Characteristics and themes, what likely impacts or issues does the policy have for the group or community?

List any likely positive and/or negative impacts.

| Protected Characteristics | Positive and/or Negative Impacts |
|--|---|
| Age: Issues relating to different age groups e.g. older people or children and young people | In accordance with established policies, services will be provided to households regardless of age. For children the impact is likely to be positive with access to a designated safe area, with links to amenities and services including local schooling and other activities. |
| Disability: Issues relating to disabled people | A designated area with access to basic or enhanced facilities will be positive. |

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| Gender Reassignment – Trans/Transgender: Issues relating to people who have proposed, started or completed a process to change his or her sex | It is anticipated that this policy would impact positively on any Gypsy/Travellers who have proposed, started or completed the process to change his or her sex. |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership: Issues relating to people who are married or are in a civil partnership | It is anticipated that this policy would impact positively on Gypsy/Travellers who are or wish to be married or in a civil partnership. |
| Pregnancy and Maternity: Issues relating to woman who are pregnant and/or on maternity leave | It is anticipated that access to maternity services within the local authority area, where appropriate, will be a positive benefit to those involved. |
| Race: Issues relating to people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities, including Gypsy/Travellers | Previous involvement and experience in managing services to Gypsy/Travellers and dealing with unauthorised encampments has allowed multi-agency working arrangements and support networks to be established to provide support in this area. |
| Religion or Belief: Issues relating to a person's religion or belief (including non-belief) | It is expected that this will be positive in all respects. |
| Sex: Gender identity: Issues specific to women and men/or girls and boys | It is expected that this will be positive in all respects. |
| Sexual Orientation: Issues relating to a person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, heterosexual/straight | It is expected that this policy will have a positive impact on individuals of all sexual orientations. |

Equality and Diversity Themes Relevant to South Ayrshire Council

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| Health Issues and impacts affecting people's health | It is expected that the provision of a designated area within South Ayrshire to support and accommodate encampments will have a significant positive impact on the Gypsy/Travellers health and increase their ability to access health services. |
| Human Rights: Issues and impacts affecting people's human rights such as being treated with dignity and respect, the right to education, the right to respect for private and family life, and the right to free elections. | The policy should significantly improve the human rights of those choosing to occupy site provision. |

Socio-Economic Disadvantage

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|---|---|
| Low Income/Income Poverty: Issues: cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food and clothing. | Depending on the approach developed and adopted by the Council, further consideration will be required around charging and affordability. |
| Low and/or no wealth: Issues: enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future | Gypsy/Travellers residing in South Ayrshire will have access to welfare benefits and other supports. |

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| <p>Material Deprivation: Issues: being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies</p> | <p>Gypsy/Travellers residing in South Ayrshire will have access to welfare benefits and other supports.</p> |
| <p>Area Deprivation: Issues: where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)</p> | <p>Gypsy/Travellers residing in South Ayrshire will have access to welfare benefits and other supports.</p> |

Section Three: Evidence Used in Developing the Policy

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| <p>Involvement and Consultation In assessing the impact(s) set out above what evidence has been collected from involvement, engagement or consultation? Who did you involve, when and how?</p> | <p>The Council has established a Member/Officer Working Group which has considered the needs of Gypsy/Travellers. Taking account of the Scottish Government and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) published joint action plan entitled '<i>Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers (2019–2021)</i>', the Council has identified gaps in existing provision and the need to provide more and better accommodation to respond to unauthorised encampments. Experience, feedback and data gathered from previous unauthorised encampments has been used to establish partnership arrangements with a range of services and agencies to ensure that a high quality of services is provided.</p> <p>As part of the current and previous work undertaken on the provision of services to Gypsy/Travellers, information held on previous involvement is held from a range of services, agencies and support organisations.</p> |
| <p>Data and Research In assessing the impact set out above what evidence has been collected from research or other data. Please specify what research was carried out or data collected, when and how this was done.</p> | <p>Information and data is held on previous encampments and the responses made by services and agencies.</p> |
| <p>Partners data and research In assessing the impact(s) set out in Section 2 what evidence has been provided by partners? Please specify partners</p> | <p>Data has been provided previously on the outcomes, support needs and level of services provided previously to families who were part of unauthorised encampments.</p> |
| <p>Gaps and Uncertainties Have you identified any gaps or uncertainties in your understanding of the issues or impacts that need to be explored further?</p> | <p>No</p> |

Section Four: Detailed Action Plan to address identified gaps in:

a) evidence and

b) to mitigate negative impacts

| No. | Action | Responsible Officer(s) | Timescale |
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| 1 | | | |
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Note: Please add more rows as required.

Section Five - Performance monitoring and reporting

Considering the policy as a whole, including its equality and diversity implications:

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| When is the policy intended to come into effect? | |
| When will the policy be reviewed? | |
| Which Panel will have oversight of the policy? | |

Section 6

South Ayrshire Council

Appendix

Summary Equality Impact Assessment Implications & Mitigating Actions

Name of Policy: Services to Gypsy/Travellers – Potential Sites to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments

This policy will assist or inhibit the Council’s ability to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations as follows:

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| <p>Eliminate discrimination</p> <p>The policy will be used to eliminate discrimination, identify and secure a suitable site to provide the necessary support to Gypsy/Travellers.</p> |
| <p>Advance equality of opportunity</p> <p>The policy will be used to advance quality of opportunity, identify and secure a suitable site to provide the necessary support to Gypsy/Travellers. This will increase opportunities for the provision of advice and information regarding access to welfare benefits, employment opportunities, health and education.</p> |
| <p>Foster good relations</p> <p>The policy is based on established working arrangements and support provided by a range of agencies and organisations, this fosters good relation and provides the essential support to Gypsy/Travellers.</p> |
| <p>Consider Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Fairer Scotland Duty)</p> <p>The Policy will improve the socio-economic circumstances of the Gypsy/ Traveller community</p> |

| Summary of Key Action to Mitigate Negative Impacts | |
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| <p>Date: 3 August 2021</p> | |
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