

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Depute Chief Executive and Director
of Housing, Operations and Development
to Cabinet
of 20 June 2023**

Subject: Active Travel Member/ Officer Working Group

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the creation of a Member/ Officer Working Group to consider the Council's proposed Active Travel Strategy.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:

2.1.1 approves the creation of a Member/ Officer Working Group (MOWG) to consider the Council's proposed Active Travel Strategy;

2.1.2 nominates and appoints five Councillors on a cross-party basis to be members of the short term MOWG, and agrees that the MOWG is authorised to appoint a Chair of the group from amongst their number; and

2.1.3 agrees that, following consideration of the proposed Active Travel Strategy, the MOWG will propose recommendations for implementation which will inform a follow-up report to the Cabinet on 31 October 2023.

3. Background

3.1 The Leadership Panel approved the Council's Active Travel Strategy on 8 March 2022 and the strategy for the period 2022 - 2032 was formally launched on 14 March 2023

3.2 The strategy aims to expand and promote active travel across the region over the next five years and beyond. It aims to place the needs of residents and local businesses at the heart of the expanding active travel network. This includes identifying and pursuing specific infrastructure and behaviour change initiatives to encourage active travel both within and between our communities.

3.3 The strategy identifies 6 key objectives: Education, Connectivity, Health, Safety, Accessibility and Place.

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4. Proposals

4.1 It is proposed that a MOWG is set up to consider the Council's proposed Active Travel Strategy.

4.2 Proposed membership of the MOWG is:

- five Councillors on a cross-party basis comprising Portfolio Holders for Tourism, Culture and Rural Affairs, Economic Development, and Sport and Leisure, one Labour and one SNP (with the Chair of the group appointed from amongst their number);
- Assistant Director – Communities;
- Assistant Director – Education;
- Assistant Director – Housing and Operations;
- Special Projects Officer, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; and
- other officers as required.

4.3 It is proposed that the key principles to be considered by the MOWG will include (but not exclusively):

4.3.1 review Active Travel Projects Progress Reports brought forward by Ayrshire Roads Alliance and where applicable other services;

4.3.2 review and consider Active Travel Projects brought forward by community groups;

4.3.3 agree funding streams and receive updates on application outcomes; and

4.3.4 review Ayrshire Roads Alliance proposed active travel projects aligned to the strategy and prior to submission under the annual Road Improvement Plan.

4.4 The Active Travel Forum will be reformed and overseen by the Special Projects Officer from the Ayrshire Roads Alliance. Proposals from the Active Travel Forum will be considered by the Active Travel MOWG and recommendations for implementation will be the subject of reports to Cabinet.

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 financial implications that may be incurred as a result of the implementation of the recommendations are currently unknown but will be identified in the report to the Cabinet on 31 October 2023

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 the absence of the MOWG may result in a lack of focus on the delivery of the Active Travel Strategy.

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 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 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 Priority 1 of the Council Plan: Spaces and Places/ Moving around and the environment (Outcome 1).

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 Bob Pollock, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Alec Clark, Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Culture and Rural Affairs, and Councillor Brian Connolly, Portfolio Holder for Sport and Leisure, 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 Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development 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 Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet 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>
Establish a short term MOWG to consider the Council's proposed Active Travel Strategy	30 June 2023	Head of Ayrshire Roads Alliance
MOWG recommendations to inform a follow-up report to the Cabinet	31 October 2023	Head of Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Background Papers **Report to Leadership Panel of 8 March 2022 - [South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy](#)**

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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: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/equalities/impact-assessment.aspx>

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

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. [FSD Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018 and revised in October 2021. See information here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-duty-guidance-public-bodies/>

1. Policy details

Policy Title	Active Travel Member/ Officer Working Group
Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email)	Mike Newall, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development – mike.newall@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	-	-
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 – (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys)	-	-

Community or Groups of People	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
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 i.e. The Fairer Scotland Duty (This section to be completed for any Strategic Decisions). 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

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)	YES NO
Rationale for decision: This report seeks approval for the creation of a short term Member/ Officer Working Group to consider the Council's proposed Active Travel Strategy. The Cabinet's decision on this has no specific equality implications	
Signed : Mike Newall Date: 2 June 2023	Depute Chief Executive/ Director