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**Helensburgh and Lomond Area
Committee**

**DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC
GROWTH**

25 March 2021

Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath Update

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. This report updates Members of the progress made sinc 1 7 591.34 Tm[s)10(i)12(n)6(s)10(i) D

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will be online. Officers will work with the media team to promote the engagement to enable wide participation.

- 5.10. **Cardross Community Action Network (CardrossCAN) Petition.** An online petition was received on 02 February 2021 from the Cardross CAN community group in support of the completion of the cyclepath linking Helensburgh ± Cardross ± Dumbarton. The petition provides further evidence of the importance of completing the cyclepath for the local communities and visitors. The petition will be used as evidence of community support as part of future external competitive funding applications for the construction of the cyclepath.

Construction

- 5.11. Officers are working with suppliers, contractors and colleagues in the Roads and Infrastructure Service to schedule the remaining necessary work to complete the construction of the 285m section of the route within Cardross linking Cardross Station to the Geilston Burn by summer 2021. It is anticipated that a revised completion date of June 2021 is considered to be robust. This delay will not impact on the final completion date for the whole cyclepath.
- 5.12. Should the land acquisition negotiations in relation to the section of land between Murrays Crossing and the Geilston Burn be successful, this section of the route will require an additional construction period. It is planned that the construction of the section of path to complete the route between the Geilston Burn and Murrays Crossing will be undertaken as promptly as possible following conclusion of land acquisition and securing of the necessary funding.

Programme

- 5.13. **Appendix 1** is the CardrossCAN public petition sent to the Chief Executive on 02 February 2021.
- 5.14. **Appendix 2** provides an outline programme of the key stages and forecast timescales for each section of the Phase 1: Helensburgh to Cardross section of the Cyclepath, Phase 2: Cardross to Dumbarton and Helensburgh: Hermitage Academy to Town Centre.
- 5.15. **Appendix 3**

been secured from our key active travel partners with further bids being progressed to enable the construction of further sections of the cycleway following detailed design work and as and when land purchases have been concluded.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Policy** Completion of this project will support the **&RXELO** SOA outcomes 2: We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth and 5: People live active, healthier and independent lives. The project also supports achievement of the **6FRWWLVRYHUBHWTRE** objectives set out in the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland (CAPS) and **HWYHW6FRWODG: DONLQ** The National Walking Strategy.
- 7.2. Financial** The design, construction and land purchase will be funded by external grant funding applications. The council have not contributed any funding to design or capital costs. There is evidence to indicate that people who are more active, for example by walking or cycling, are less likely to require social care services in later life which could result in a future saving to the Council although the value of this would be difficult to quantify.
- 7.3. Legal** Continued input will be required from Legal Services to support contractual agreements and land purchase including a CPO should this be deemed necessary.
- 7.4. HR** None.
- 7.5. Fairer Scotland Duty:**
- 6.5.1 Equalities Completion of this project will provide opportunities for all in the Helensburgh ± Cardross ± Dumbarton corridor to travel more sustainably and actively by walking, wheeling and cycling.
- 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty The route has been designed to be DDA compliant and will provide a safe and accessible route for those with mobility aids including wheelchairs and **SDUHQVXDUGLDQZWBFKOGYSUDPRUEXJ**
- 6.5.3 Islands There are no adverse impacts.
- 7.6. Risk** There is a reputational risk to the Council if the project is not completed within a reasonable timeframe.

7.7. Customer Services

None.

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Appendix 1: CardrossCAN Community Petition, received 02 February 2021
Appendix 2: Helensburgh, Cardross & Dumbarton Cyclepath Programme
Appendix 3: Update on Land Negotiations for Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath [EXEMPT]