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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**Bute and Cowal Area Committee**

**DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC  
GROWTH**

**31 August 2021**

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**Dunoon Town Centre Spaces for People Medium-Long-term Proposals**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1. As requested by members at the 02 March 2021 Bute and Cowal

is currently received by the Active Travel Team. All work undertaken, including internal staff costs, have to be funded via successfully securing external challenge funds.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1. It is recommended that the Bute and Cowal members:

2.1.1. Note the relevant responsibilities and funding situation of the Roads and Infrastructure Service and the Strategic Transportation Team.

2.1.2. Acknowledge that Strategic Transportation does not have budget or staff resource to progress any changes in Dunoon Town Centre and that there are no suitable challenge funds currently accepting applications which could fund such work.

2.1.3. Welcome the measures being implemented by the Strategic Transportation Team to support residents and visitors to Dunoon and Cowal to travel more actively.

2.1.4. Note that future reports will be submitted at later stages to discuss future aspirations.





limit carriageways without footways, and within towns where the streetscape can be dominated by vehicular access and on-street parking.

- 5.6. Changing behaviour to give people the confidence or incentive to travel more actively or overcome challenges that prevent them from choosing to travel more actively can also encourage people to choose to travel actively, especially when allied to improve infrastructure. Examples include providing walking or cycle training, providing individualized travel plans to demonstrate the viability of travelling more actively within their life, providing activities that encourage active travel or providing access to a suitable bicycle.

## Finances

- 5.7. The Roads and Infrastructure Service manages the £500,000 Active Travel fund. It is understood that the Roads and Infrastructure Service have provisionally allocated the full value of this funding for work in 2021/22 and this will be advised to EDI Committee in September by way of an update to Members.

- 5.8. The Active Travel Team (1.3 FTE) is part of the Strategic Transport Team within the Development and Economic Growth Service. No Council funding is available for the Active Travel team. The 2 officer posts (1 is currently on secondment) & 1 support staff post have to be funded via successfully securing external challenge funds. Council funding and require to be externally funded by successfully securing challenge funding to recharge staff costs against.

- 5.9. In 2020/21 a one-off covid-19 related £38M fund was made available by the



neighbouring streets. Support to make this change permanent is now being examined. [www.dundee.gov.uk/news/article?article\\_ref=3746](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/news/article?article_ref=3746)  
[www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk/news/Union-Street-Pedestrian-Zone-0\\_8522.html](http://www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk/news/Union-Street-Pedestrian-Zone-0_8522.html)  
[www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk/fp/footfall-boom-leads-to-calls-for-pedestrianisation-of-union-street-to-become-permanent/](http://www.eveningtelegraph.co.uk/fp/footfall-boom-leads-to-calls-for-pedestrianisation-of-union-street-to-become-permanent/)

### **Longer-term options**





