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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnership and Services for Communities)

SUBJECT: Cycling, walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) – Proposed Projects for 2013-14 (year 13)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report presents the background to and the proposed works for, the thirteenth year of grant funding from the Scottish Government for the CWSS initiative.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To progress the proposals in Appendix A during 2013/14.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 12 April 2001 the Scottish Executive announced funding to assist Local Authorities to give greater prominence to Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects. Initial funding for CWSS in East Lothian for 2001/02 (Year 1) was £55,000 followed by £71,000 in 2002/03 (Year 2) and £148,000 in 2003/04 (Year 3). Funding for 2004/05 (Year 4), 2005/06 (Year 5) and 2006/07 (Year 6) was confirmed as £146,000, £154,000 and £157,000 respectively. Further funding for 2007/08 (Year 7) was also announced and East Lothian's allocation was £162,000. As part of the Concordat agreement with Local Government the funding for 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 was set at £170,000, respectively. Ring fenced funding was set at £139,000 for 2011/12 (Year 11) and £113,000 for 2012/13.
- 3.2 Ring fenced funding for East Lothian for 2013/14 (Year 13) is £104,000.
- 3.3 This report recommends proposals for which the 2013/14 CWSS funding will be used to support cycling and improve road safety. These projects will primarily focus on cycling in line with guidance from the Scottish Government.

- 3.4 Two strands of distinct work are being brought forward under the 2013/14 initiative:

A) a joint Path Upgrade Feasibility Study to consider rural/semi-rural path upgrades within the context of the core path networks, linking communities, improving health and wellbeing and promoting sustainable transport benefits. (Match funding has been acquired from Sustrans)

B) physical infrastructure improvements promoting safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians.

Appendix A lists the locations and a brief description of the proposed projects.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets initiative contributes towards providing a Safer Environment - a key priority for East Lothian Council.

- 4.2 The Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets initiative also contributes towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 9 – *East Lothian's homes and roads are safer.*

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – It should be noted that detailed costs on an individual project basis are not available at this stage, which may result in some of the projects listed not being implemented on site during the current financial year.

- 6.2 Personnel - None

- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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