

People and Place Grant Awards

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report variations to the SEStran People and Place grant awards to the Board.

2 MAIN REPORT

- 2.1 As per the Grant Standing Orders, several variations to the People and Place grant awards have been reviewed and approved by the Partnership Director since the previous Board meeting. All awards were under the delegation limit for approval by the Partnership Director.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 shows a list of grant award variations from those values reported to the Board at its last meeting. Also included is a short explanation of the reasons for each variation.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Partnership Board is asked to note the content of this report and the variations to the SEStran People and Place grant awards at Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1: SEStran People and Place Plan 2024/2025 – variations to grant awards

Policy Implications	The People and Place Plan aligns with the objectives of the RTS and therefore will help deliver on SEStran's policy objectives
Financial Implications	All costs are within the grant award from Transport Scotland, so there is no financial impact on the SEStran core budget. Funding agreements are in place for each grant to ensure funds are appropriately managed.
Equalities Implications	In supporting people to travel actively, the grants should have a positive impact on equalities. Specific elements of the grants have been designed to further support the accessibility of active travel, including a focus on the provision of adaptive bikes and a programme focused on physical barrier removal on pavements. An EqIA has been undertaken on the Plan and recommendations from this will be incorporated where possible.
Climate Change Implications	In promoting behaviour change from private cars to active travel, the grants will support the transition to net zero.

SEStran People and Place Plan 2024/2025 – variations to grant awards

Local Authorities grant award variations

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>Current Award</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>
Scottish Borders Council	£433,800	£458,800	£25,000 of additional funding has been awarded from the regional active travel counter budget to allow purchase and installation of counters at several locations in the Borders.

Third Party organisations grant award variations

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>Current Award</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>
Greener Kirkcaldy	Community Active Travel Programme	£99,902	£109,902	£10,000 of additional grant has been awarded to allow the purchase of an electric van to operate as their mobile advice point instead of a diesel van or a trailer following an options and longer term sustainable appraisal