

People and Place Grant Awards

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report variations to the 2024/25 SEStran People and Place grant awards to the Board, alongside new grant awards issued for 25/26.

2 GRANT AWARDS

- 2.1 As per the Grant Standing Orders, several variations to the 2024/25 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.
- 2.3 In addition, in line with the People and Place Delivery Plan and grant processes approved by the Board on 6th December 2024, and in accordance with the Grant Standing Orders, grant awards have been issued under the People and Place programme for delivery in the 2025/26 financial year. The total value of these grants is £5,965,319. All except one of these grants is for under £1million and, in line with the delegation in the Grant Standing Orders, these were approved by the Partnership Director and are now presented to the Board for noting. The grant in excess of £1million was approved by the Board at its special meeting on 23rd April 2025.
- 2.4 Appendix 2 shows the full list of grant awards made for 2025/26. As in 2024/25, any variations to these awards will be reported to subsequent Board meetings.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Partnership Board is asked to note the content of this report, the variations to the 2024/25 SEStran People and Place grant awards at Appendix 1, and the new 2025/26 SEStran People and Place grant awards at Appendix 2.

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Appendix 1: SEStran People and Place Plan 2024/2025 – variations to grant awards
Appendix 2: SEStran People and Place Plan 2025/2026 – new 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 EqlA has been undertaken on the People and Place Delivery 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 2024/25 – variations to grant awards

Local Authorities grant award variations

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>New Award</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>
West Lothian	£83,000	£63,760	Grant reduced following update on expected spend in 2024/25
West Lothian	£63,760	£83,000	Grant reverted to previous level following request from West Lothian Council following revised spend profile
Falkirk Council	£52,195	£54,000	Grant increased to cover small overspend in one project area utilising underspend in other projects
Midlothian Council	£270,400	£230,400	Grant reduced following request as one project was undeliverable
City of Edinburgh Council	£798,700	£814,209.50	Grant increased to cover small overspend across a number of funded projects utilising underspend in other projects

Third Party organisations grant award variations

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>New Award</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>
FEL Scotland	Community Active Travel Programme - Schools	£209,750	£296,047	Funding increased to cover delivery of project until end of school term (April – June 2025) utilising underspend in other projects
Greener Kirkcaldy	Routes to Change	£109,902	£132,012	Additional funding awarded to purchase equipment to support 2025/26 work utilising underspend in other projects
Sustrans	Behaviour Change Strategy Embedded Officers	£74,897	£76,931	Grant increased to cover small overspend on the project utilising underspend in other projects

SEStran People and Place Plan 2025/2026 – new grant awards

<u>Project</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Total Award</u>
City of Edinburgh Council P&P	City of Edinburgh Council	£1,041,079
Clackmannanshire Council P&P	Clackmannanshire Council	£154,000
East Lothian Council P&P	East Lothian Council	£216,324
Falkirk Council P&P	Falkirk Council	£132,319
Fife Council P&P	Fife Council	£619,485
Midlothian Council P&P	Midlothian Council	£131,200
Scottish Borders Council P&P	Scottish Borders Council	£411,280
West Lothian Council P&P	West Lothian Council	£121,900
Forth Valley College	Forth Valley College	£46,794
Rock up & Ride	Scottish Cycling	£63,360
Kids Bike Life	The Bike Station	£183,303
Wee Bike Library	The Bike Station	£127,107
Linlithgow Schools	FEL Scotland	£122,239
FEL Community	FEL Scotland	£115,214
FEL Schools	FEL Scotland	£410,756
BioQuarter Sustainable Travel	The University of Edinburgh	£91,327
Transitioning to the Active Way	Transition University of St Andrews	£52,195
I Bike	Sustrans	£262,490
Behaviour Change Coord	Sustrans	£94,916
Cycle Access Fund	Cycling UK	£400,000
Connecting Communities (ELC)	Cycling UK	£119,786
Connecting Communities (Mid)	Cycling UK	£119,177
Healthy & Active Ways to Work	Greener Kirkcaldy	£144,659
Fife Access to Cycles	Greener Kirkcaldy	£160,000
Pop-up Hub	CoMoUK	£66,481
Walking Schools	Paths for All	£56,250
Walking Nation	Living Streets	£96,727
Wester Hailes Walk Pedal Thrive	SCORE Scotland	£37,019
Bridgend Farmhouse	Bridgend Farmhouse	£27,656
Air Pollution & Active Travel	Parents for Future Scotland	£31,657
PATH (Porty Active Travel Hub)	Porty Community Energy	£50,000
Stow Cycle Hub	Stow Cycle Hub CIC	£24,640
Wee Spoke Hub	SHRUB Cooperative	£33,968
Falkirk Schools Cycle Smart	Recyke-a-Bike	£10,195
Biking Buckhaven-Methil	CLEAR Buckhaven and Methil	£28,046
Walk It - Indoor Walking	Borders Wheels	£39,432
Getting there together	North Edinburgh Arts	£37,900
New Scots Bike Inclusion	Bikes for Refugees	£30,940
Safe Routes to School	Polbeth Community Hub	£7,504

APPENDIX 2

Cycle for Change	Sea the Change	£22,580
Move for Good	Linlithgow CDT	£13,500
eBikes for Borderers	A Greener Melrose	£9,915