

People and Place Grant Awards

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to report variations to the 2025/26 SEStran People and Place grant awards to the Board.

2 GRANT AWARDS

- 2.1 As per the Grant Standing Orders, a variation to the 2025/26 People and Place grant award has 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 variation to the 2025/26 SEStran People and Place grant awards at Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1: SEStran People and Place Plan 2025/2026 – 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 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 2025/26 – variations to grant awards**APPX 1**Local Authorities grant award variations

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Previous Award</u>	<u>New Award</u>	<u>Reason for change</u>
West Lothian	£121,900	£122,695.64	Award increased by £795.64 due to equivalent underspend on 24/25 grant that was carried over to Q1 25/26.