



Item 6.1 - Business bulletin

Transport and Environment Committee

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Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news

Wayfinding

Good progress is being made on the Wayfinding project which has been partly funded by Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (Paths for All's grant scheme to encourage active travel). The new digital mapping resource of the city has now been completed reflecting Edinburgh's unique character whilst combining key places and destinations with walking distances, pedestrian space, accessible routes, cycle paths and public transport. The aim is to encourage active travel and exploration of the city.

The mapping resource is royalty free so it can be used by third parties to improve Wayfinding information across the city. There is also potential for the resource to be used by communities to map and promote their areas.

Next Stage:

The project group is exploring funding opportunities to translate the mapping resource into a range of consistent Wayfinding products that would support the whole journey experience: digital, on-street totems, bus/tram stops and printed maps. A further SCSP bid has been submitted for the first Wayfinding products.

Partner projects are currently being investigated and a pilot project is being considered; for example at the east-end of Princes Street/ Leith Walk area to help address the development disruption.

Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme Open Day

On Wednesday 20 September 2017 an industry awareness day was held in the City Chambers. This event brought together ten organisations to explore Edinburgh's aspirations for cycle hire, to review the opportunities available and to consider how these could help to meet the city's aspirations.

Transport for Edinburgh are currently working through the outputs from the day and preparing next steps.

Background

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Community Links PLUS design competition results

Two innovative City of Edinburgh Council active travel projects have been awarded millions of pounds in funding as part of the Sustrans Community Links Plus competition.

The West Edinburgh Active Travel Network (WEATN) and Meadows to George Street proposals were among five Scottish schemes named as winners of the competition on Monday 18 September 2017, along with schemes in Glasgow, Stirling and Inverness.

After an intensive three-stage process, Edinburgh's projects will be awarded a grant of up to 50% of their total outlined project costs. These were £8.1 million for WEATN and £4.3 million for Meadows to George Street.

The **West Edinburgh Active Travel Network** proposes to transform cycling and walking access **to** and **within** the largest business district in Edinburgh outside of the city centre. This would see one of Scotland's most significant business-parks transformed into an exemplar, people-friendly place with high quality active travel links to surrounding communities and key destinations. Included in plans is the creation of attractive, direct and convenient cycling and walking routes linking the major business district of South Gyle / Edinburgh Park to residential areas to the north and south.

The **Meadows to George Street** project proposes a direct cycle link from the QuietRoutes network in the Meadows into the heart of the city. This route will be integrated with improved conditions for pedestrians, creating a safe, coherent and attractive route through the city centre and along Forrest Road, George IV Bridge, the Mound and Hanover Street.

Community Links PLUS is run by Sustrans Scotland and funded by the Scottish Government. It aims to fund inspirational examples of high-quality infrastructure to restore the balance of Scotland's streets in favour of people walking and cycling. Now in its second year, it awards pioneering and innovative proposals for the creation of better places and spaces for people to live, walk and cycle in for everyday journeys.

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Forthcoming activities:
