

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
<b>Date:</b>	16 July 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Active Travel Grant
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the total spend of up to £500,000.00 for an active travel grant scheme open to District and Borough Councils in Hampshire.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, to approve individual grant amounts and terms within the total expenditure approved.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Improving healthy life expectancy and reducing health inequalities are key priorities for Hampshire Public Health as defined in the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy 2019-24, the Public Health Strategy 2023-2026, as well as in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight 'We Can Be Active' Physical Activity Strategy 2021.
- 2.2 The recently updated Hampshire Local Transport Plan (LTP 4, Feb 2024) includes two guiding principles: Give people a choice of high-quality travel options and provide a transport system that promotes high quality, prosperous places and puts people first. Both principles require greater emphasis on walking and cycling. District and Borough Councils are well placed to deliver the interventions, because they support their local communities and understand their needs. The grant may also enable them to expand existing local interventions and test best practice.
- 2.3 This grant fund would enable District and Borough Councils to implement evidenced based interventions that increase participation in active travel. These could include but are not limited to:
  - Development of resources (wayfinding, maps, websites etc)

- Incentivisation
- Gamification
- Bike Hire/loan schemes
- Route identification
- Cycle Training
- Walking and/or cycling events
- Behaviour change (training and campaigns)
- School travel schemes
- Workplace travel schemes
- Walking programmes
- Equipment hire.

2.4 Grants would be approved only when an action and spend plan has been developed and approved by the Active Travel Grant team. The grant agreement would specify that the funding must be utilised in 12 months from the date the funding is received.

2.5 All grant agreements have conditions that enable the County Council to require repayment of the award or any part of it if it remains unspent at the end of the grant period, or if there is a material breach of the grant agreement.

2.6 The grant scheme proposal in this record would commit expenditure totalling up to £500,000 over the financial years 24/25, 25/26, 26/27 & 27/28. The source of the funding is the public health grant. The public health team will evaluate the success of each year of the grant before committing to the subsequent years.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Not supporting the grant scheme was rejected.

### **4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A**

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**Councillor Liz Fairhurst**  
**Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and**  
**Public Health**

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