



**Locality Partnership:** Irvine

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Subject:** Irvine Active Travel Hub

**Purpose:** To update the Locality Planning Partnership on the Irvine Active Travel Hub project.

## **Background**

Active Travel Hubs are designed to encourage and support more people to walk, cycle and use public transport for their daily journeys instead of using the car. The Irvine Active Travel Hub project aims to support active and sustainable transport across the area.

This includes: a main Hub in Irvine; a closed cycle loop; upgraded path network; and satellite Hubs at transport halts across North Ayrshire. The project is funded by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund. This was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 20 June 2017.

## **Key Points for Locality Partnership**

The main hub will be created in the former Trinity Church. The listed building has not operated as a church since 1966. Development of the hub will breathe new life into the building allowing it to be used by the community on a regular basis. The hub will include the main hub office and a training area for indoor elements of the training programme. It is proposed to promote the church based hub as "The Trinity" using the strap line "Walk – Cycle – Public Transport" reflecting the building's historic past and its revitalised future.

The cycle training element of the hub will be created at the Irvine Community Enterprise and Leisure Hub. This is at Quarry Road and is accessible on foot and by bike from the town centre. This will include the construction of a closed cycle loop for cycle training activities and the upgrade of existing changing facilities to support this.

Across the two locations a range of activities will be delivered to support active travel and sign post users to existing services. This will include: active travel information; public transport information; travel planning activities; events including led rides and walks; volunteering opportunities; walk and cycle leader training and essential cycling skills to improve participants' skills and confidence in active travel. Activities will be delivered for a range of ages, stages and abilities to ensure that the project is inclusive and provides equitably for all users. Users will also be signposted to local facilities including: bike shops; bike repair services and the local bike recycling projects.

The project includes the improvement of a number of paths in Irvine which were identified through the Irvine Cycle Friendly Town Study. The works aim to support travel into the town centre and across the town. This will improve active travel and the potential for joined up travel using the public transport network.

Six satellite hubs will be located at strategic locations close to public transport halts e.g. train stations. These will provide limited facilities including: travel information; public cycle pumps; and public bike tools. These aim to support active travel within the wider area and complement the services offered by the hub. This will broaden the potential benefit across the area and increase the potential for and attractiveness of joined up journeys with the public transport network.

### **Action Required by Locality Partnership**

The Locality Partnership is requested to:

- a) Note the on-going development of the Hub; and
- b) Support the use of the proposed name “The Trinity” with the strap line “Walk – Cycle – Public Transport

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