

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Environment Committee

9 September 2015

**Summary Report from the Community Safety and Environment Group Meeting
of 21 August 2015**

Report by Executive Director (Environment)

This report advises Committee of the subject matters considered by the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Group at its meeting held on 21 August 2015.

1. BACKGROUND/ MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 At its meeting on 21 August 2015, the Outcome Delivery Group considered the following matters in relation to the Environment theme:

Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Projects

- 1.2 An update report was provided by the Traffic and Network Manager, Environment Service detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects implemented in 2014/15 (approved by Committee on 4 June 2014). It also sought Committee approval for a list of works funded from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant 2015/16 of £223,000 from the Scottish Government, as well as potential schemes for 2016/17. The health, wellbeing, community safety and particularly partnership working elements of this report were noted.

Tay River Renewable Heat Exchange and Network in Perth City

- 1.3 An update report was provided by Steven MacDonald (Project Officer, Environment Service) on the feasibility work and detailed investment level business case for the Tay River Renewable heat exchange and network in Perth City. Key finding from the outline business case include annual carbon savings of approximately 21% compared to business as usual, and Net Present Value (NPV) return at 20 years.
- 1.4 These figures are based on a potential capital cost of £17 million (£6m for Energy Centre/pumps and £11m for district heating network). Further feasibility work is required, to place a strong emphasis on improving the economic performance of the scheme and reduce the level of risk by producing a detailed business case and identifying the most appropriate options for project delivery. Scottish Government funding has been secured for the preparation of the business case.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the subject matters considered by the Community Safety and Environment Outcome Delivery Group at its meeting held on 21 August 2015.

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