

## Executive Summary

In 2007 the Scottish Government awarded Sustrans Scotland a grant of **£4,327,013.00** to continue the Tackling the School Run programme. The objective of the programme was to increase the numbers of children walking and cycling to school. This was done by supporting and implementing projects that make it easier for children to travel actively, and to deliver projects that generate a more positive view of active travel.

Funding was awarded to 30 local authorities and 5 independent organisations. In total 182 projects were delivered between July 2007 and April 2008. Sustrans Scotland also delivered projects directly and some in partnership, these projects are reported on separately to the Scottish Government.

Tackling the School Run funding was used to deliver three core projects:

- On-site infrastructure – principally used for cycle parking installation
- Soft measures – varied measures aimed at encouraging a more positive view of active travel
- Links to schools projects – principally the construction of new or upgraded walking and cycling paths

The programme of work was further developed for the 2007 - 08 period to support applications directly from schools under a Small Grants Application Scheme.

From the available data Tackling the School Run funding has generated a clear increase in the numbers of children choosing to walk or cycle on the school journey. Results of surveys in 2006 – 2007 from links to schools projects now available indicate a **60.6%** increase in walking levels and cycling levels where annual estimated use has been aggregated. The data for 2007-08 currently available also highlights significant increases in walking and cycling levels generally around schools that have had improvements to path networks. On-site infrastructure improvements in 2007 – 08 have generated an estimated **3015** new pupil journeys by cycle.

At the wider social impact an estimated **1,145,501** households are within a two mile radius of schools listed as benefiting from enhanced path networks due to the Tackling the School Run funding. Potentially **2,335,209** people now benefit from improvements to surrounding path networks.