WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

Question

Will the Minister indicate what additional active travel projects, or other items, have been identified and implemented utilising the additional £1,500,000 funding allocation to the 'Strong start on Active Travel' (TR10) agreed within the amended Carbon Neutral Roadmap?

Answer

Officers have been working to identify a programme of schemes which can be delivered within this funding allocation, alongside identified behavioural change initiatives such as "Beat the Street" and "Love to Ride", which aim to increase walking and cycling across the Island.

To prioritise projects consistent with other policies within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, officers have undertaken a multi-criteria analysis to ensure that the broader implications of policy options for Jersey's economy and society were considered in the decision-making process. The criteria were carbon abatement, socio-economic, wider environmental, political alignment, affordability and feasibility. The analysis enables consideration of the full impact and trade-offs involved in various options. Alongside this scoring, each project was scored against the Sustainable Transport Policy principles and government common strategic policies resulting in a prioritised list of projects.

An initial tranche of active travel infrastructure schemes will be taken forward which support our safer routes to school programme and encourage greater cycling and walking.

These schemes are at an early stage of development. The exact specification, scope, design and cost is anticipated to be finalised through working with the relevant Parishes and other key stakeholders.

In addition, the active travel funding is delivering two further projects this year:

- St Helier Mobility Plan to identify how the existing road infrastructure within the St Helier Ring Road can be used to help prioritise cycling and walking across the town, for residents and commuters, and
- La Haule Cycling and Walking Improvements development of a scheme to address the pinch point near the bottom of La Haule hill and improve the space available for cyclists and pedestrians as set out in the 2020 Active Travel Update.

Throughout 2023 - 2025, the available funding will continue to be allocated on a priority basis as per the scored work programme described above. The active travel portfolio and the delivery of its schemes are the responsibility of the Minister for Infrastructure and I will be working closely with him to achieve the objectives of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap active travel policy.