

## Covid-19 Impact: advice for funded projects

Covid-19 lockdown has offered an insight into how our towns and cities can be much better places to live in with many more people walking and cycling regularly, safer streets, cleaner air and less noise pollution. It is clear that SCSP projects have been impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak due to lockdown, social distancing, and government advice around travel, but it is also clear that SCSP projects can play an important role in encouraging positive travel behaviour as we move forward out of lockdown.

SCSP projects are expected to adapt and amend their activities to respond to the latest advice from the Scottish Government. In particular we want projects to promote the messages contained in Transport Scotland's guidance, available [here](#).

Whilst sticking to the SCSP ethos of projects delivering local solutions that meet local priorities there are still a wide number of activities that can be delivered to support changing people's travel behaviour during and after lockdown. For example, projects can adapt their activities to include:

- Local media campaigns promoting the 'stay at home, walk and cycle, plan ahead' message
- Highlighting and promoting walking and cycling routes with artwork and signage
- Maps and route promotion
- Community walking and cycling challenges, particularly those that encourage local activity
- Supporting local bike hire and bike libraries
- Providing information on public transport etiquette at bus stops and shelters
- Providing 2m measures at bus stops
- New bus route promotion
- Car- free day promotion
- Promoting home working

Projects that involve feasibility studies and research can continue, however they will be expected to test their original thinking in the light of Covid-19.

Projects that are aimed at working with schools will need to demonstrate how they will deal with the current uncertainty over when and how schools will reopen.

The SCSP Open Fund is open for applications. New behaviour change projects that are targeted at helping communities to adopt home working; encourage walking, wheeling and cycling in local areas, or support public transport patronage are particularly welcome. Further information on the Open Fund is available [here](#).

Local Authority and Open Fund projects that have been unable to deliver their planned activities should have told us about the impact on their overall project. If not please do so.

The SCSP team have identified a wide range of activities that can be delivered within the current constraints, please contact us at [scsp@pathsforall.org.uk](mailto:scsp@pathsforall.org.uk) if you want more information on these activities.