Smarter Choices Smarter Places Senior Development Officer Recruitment

**Background Information**

Paths for All is a Scottish charity that aims to help everyone to be physically active with a particular focus on everyday walking. This includes the adoption of active travel (walking, cycling and wheeling), public transport and car-share as the preferred mode of transport when journeys must be taken.

Smarter Choices Smarter Places (SCSP) is Paths for All’s grant programme that encourages people to adopt sustainable travel behaviours. SCSP is funded by Transport Scotland and contributes to the Scottish Government’s Climate Change Action Plan and Scotland’s Physical Activity Delivery Plan.

Now in its sixth year, the Programme makes available £7million annually to Local Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships, public sector agencies and third sector organisations. In addition to managing grants the SCSP team supports the adoption of good practice by sharing evidence from exemplar projects, producing case studies, co-ordinating learning events and develops geographic and thematic networks.

SCSP has been very successful in delivering behaviour change activities across Scotland that contribute to the Programme’s outcomes:

* More people choose to walk or cycle for short local journeys
* More people choose sustainable transport options for longer journeys
* People develop more positive attitudes towards sustainable transport choices
* People’s knowledge about sustainable transport choices increase, and
* There is an increased evidence base to support sustainable transport interventions.

Paths for All are looking to build on SCSP success by encouraging new and innovative projects that will help reverse the decline in bus patronage, and projects that will enhance home-working.

The team is now looking to recruit a further Senior Development Officer to build the capacity of Smarter Choices Smarter Places. In particular, the postholder will be expected to support the roll out of projects and initiatives that enhance the uptake of public transport, particularly buses.

It is recognised that measures to contain Covid-19 have had a significant impact on the use of public transport, and that there will be a concerted effort by Scottish Government , Local Authorities, Regional Transport Partnerships and wider society to encourage use of public transport. As such, this is an exciting time to become part of a great team that is working hard to make Scotland a happier, healthier country.