

# Exploring travel policy for children and young people in Scotland

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Encouraging sustainable travel behaviour in children, young people  
and their families.

<https://www.climateexchange.org.uk/media/5570/cxc-encouraging-sustainable-travel-behaviour-in-children-young-people-and-their-families-september-2022.pdf>



## Policy Review

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- 32 local authorities
- Local transport strategies & active travel plans
- Digital searches



# Local Policy

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- ALL documents
  - #school > #child
  - Include bike training (road safety)
  - Targets for increasing proportion of children cycling and walking to (primary) school



# Local Policy

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## MOST documents mention

- School travel plans
- School streets

## SOME documents mention

- Safe routes to school
- Ibike (high school)
- Cycle Friendly Schools
- Play on Pedals and/or other promotional projects



# Local Policy

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- FEW documents mention
  - Preschool, primary AND high school age groups (Glasgow City an exception)
  - Non-school travel
  - Access to bikes
  - Family cycling (e.g. cargobikes)



# Aberdeen City

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*'develop a network of safe and attractive cycle routes across the city centre, through the provision of low speed, low flow streets and segregated infrastructure, so that an unaccompanied 12 year old child can safely cycle through the city centre.'* SUMP, 2017



# Aberdeen City

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To ensure all young people have the opportunity to travel to school by active and/or sustainable modes of transport and are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills and infrastructure to allow them to undertake local journeys safely and independently. ATAP, 2021





# • Conclusions

- Evolving policy area
- Diversifying language and focus
- Access to bikes, extended training and infrastructure...
- School travel a universal target





Thank you...

