

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE
ROADS COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2002
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**SUBJECT: CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS FUND
PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT and DIRECTOR OF
ROADS**

Abstract: This report presents for Committee approval the recommended programme of projects to be funded through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Fund.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. note the programme of projects undertaken during the financial year 2001/02;
2. approve the amended programme of projects to be undertaken during the current financial year; and
3. approve the programme of projects for the financial year 2003/04 and authorise the Director of Planning & Transport to submit it to the Scottish Executive.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Members will recall that a new fund was established in June last year for cycling, walking and safer streets (CWSS) projects. The ring-fenced allocations for Angus are £65,000 in 2001/02 (Year 1), £84,000 in the current financial year (Year 2) and £175,000 in 2003/04 (Year 3).

2.2 It is up to each Council to decide how the fund is best allocated although details of the projects proposed for the current financial year had to be submitted to the Scottish Executive last August. Equally, the Scottish Executive require details of the CWSS projects proposed for 2003/04 to be submitted by 5 August 2002. This is so that formal Section 94 consent can be issued in the normal way for 2003/04.

3 PROGRAMME OF WORKS

3.1 A summary of the works undertaken in Year 1 (2001/02) and the recommended programmes for Year 2 (2002/03) and Year 3 (2003/04) are attached to this report.

Year 1

3.2 The works undertaken during Year 1 were in accordance with the programme approved in August 2002 (report No. 924/01 refers) with the following exceptions:-

- Bucklers Croft to Wellbank – had been deleted due to technical difficulties but should now be able to be delivered in Year 2

- Westhill Road/Muir Road, Kirriemuir – deferred to Year 2 due to technical difficulties
- Cookston Road, Brechin – undertaken by the Roads Department as part of its annual maintenance programme
- Forties Road, Montrose – undertaken by a private developer
- Careston Primary School, Hard Standing Area – able to be accommodated within the resources available in Year 1

Year 2

- 3.3 As a result of further investigations and/or changes in circumstances, there are a number of projects which it is recommended should not now be contained within the programme for Year 2. The contribution towards the footpath/cycle track at Carnoustie High School is no longer required because the works have been carried out as part of another project and has therefore been deleted. The provision of a shared use foot/cycle track from Arbroath to Colliston village has proved not to be technically viable and it is recommended that these works do not proceed.
- 3.4 It had been agreed in January of this year that the proposed cycle track/footpath at Northwater Viaduct be included in the Year 2 programme and that the proposed cycleway past the Saltire Sports Centre, Arbroath be brought forward to the 2001/02 financial year (report No. 94/02 refers). However, agreement has still to be reached with the owners of the land immediately south of the viaduct for access onto the viaduct. Also, ownership of the former airfield at Broomfield, Montrose has recently changed and the new owners have been in discussion with Planning Officers regarding the future use of the land. This is being considered within the context of the review of the Angus Local Plan, a consultative draft of which is expected to be published in late autumn 2002. Under the circumstances, it is extremely unlikely that the owners would agree to the cycle track crossing their land until this has been resolved. It is therefore recommended that this project be transferred to the Year 3 (2003/04) programme to allow sufficient time to conclude agreements with the relevant landowners. This would also allow a number of smaller but nonetheless worthy projects to be included as outlined in the attached programme.
- 3.5 A total of 7 new projects have been added to the Year 2 programme from that previously reported. This reflects the indicative nature of the initial Year 2 programme drawn up at short notice last year. These new projects have been highlighted in the Appendix and can be accommodated within the resources available because of the need to defer and delete other projects.

Year 3

- 3.6 The proposed programme for Year 3 (2003/04) is the same as the provisional list prepared last year other than the widening of the footway beside the Glamis Road, Forfar which has been moved to a reserve list to accommodate the Northwater Viaduct cycle track. Also, the funding allocated to the Seven Arches, Monifieth has been increased to allow the provision of street lighting as well as the upgrading of the path surface.

- 3.7 The locations for the 20 mph zones (Item No 4 on the Year 3 programme) have yet to be finalised. The proposed allocation will allow for the provision of further part-time (enforceable) 20 mph zones at schools and also the introduction of "Twenty's Plenty" (advisory) 20 mph zones in residential areas. (A total of 4 No part-time/advisory zones).
- 3.8 The current sites for 20 mph part-time speed limits at schools are part of a national study into the appropriate signage and the effectiveness of these speed limits and the choice of additional sites will be influenced by the outcome of these trials. Advisory "Twenty's Plenty" zones have not been introduced yet in Angus although they have been used with mixed success elsewhere. Advisory 20 mph speed limits are suitable for areas where the existing 85 percentile speeds (ie the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling) are in the range 25 to 30 mph. By their very nature, advisory speed limits cannot be enforced and therefore the guidance recommends that consultation to gain the support of local residents is crucial. The final choice of the preferred locations will therefore depend on the data from traffic speed surveys and the outcome of public consultation on proposed areas.
- 3.9 The preferred locations for the proposed part-time (enforceable) 20 mph zones at schools and the "Twenty's Plenty" (advisory) speed limits in residential areas will be the subject of a separate report(s) to Committee in due course.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The estimated cost of Year 1 works have been subject to modest revision from that previously reported. Despite the time pressures placed upon the Council all projects have been contained within the £65,000 allocation from the Scottish Executive in 2001/02.
- 4.2 The proposed programmes of CWSS projects for Year 2 (2002/03) and Year 3 (2003/04) can be fully funded from the ring-fenced allocations for Angus (£84,000 and £175,000 respectively). Their implementation will be closely monitored and the programmes amended if necessary to contain them within these allocations.
- 4.3 Any additional ongoing maintenance costs associated with these capital projects will require to be contained within future years Revenue Budgets of the Department's responsible for their upkeep.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Leisure Services and Director of Education have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 The funding for the CWSS projects will greatly assist the Council in meeting its aims and objectives contained in the Angus Local Transport Strategy and is welcomed. The amended programme of projects for the current financial year and the proposed programme for 2003/04 are submitted for approval.

NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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PROPOSED C.W.S.S. PROJECTS**YEAR 1 (2001/02)**

No.	Job	Summary	Works Estimate	Final Cost
1	Kirkton to St. Vigeans (Cycletrack Link)	Construction of access ramp to extend existing cycle track link.	£4,899.45	£4,945.32
2	Kirkton Rd., Arbroath (Cycle Lane Markings)	Cycle lane markings within existing carriageway.	£4,933.00	£4,933.00
3	Craig o' loch Rd., Forfar (Cycle Lane Markings)	Cycle lane markings within existing carriageway.	£3,364.00	£1,824.00
4	Gannochy Cr., Montrose (Ped. Barriers)	Erection of Pedestrian barriers in housing area.	£2,200.00	£2,200.00
5	Various Leisure Ctrs. (Cycle Stands)	Supply and erection of cycle stands at Leisure Centres throughout Angus.	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
6	Kings Drive, Arbroath (Cycle Warning Signs)	Erection of cycle warning signs on section of North Sea Cycle Route.	£637.24	£637.24
7	Cycle counts throughout Angus	Gathering & processing of cycling information for the whole of Angus.	£2,500.00	£2,540.00
8	Ogilvie Ter., Ferryden (Tidy Up Pathway)	Formalising of existing worn pathway.	£2,799.10	£3,107.00
9	B966 @ Inchbare (New Footway)	Completing & lighting of missing footway link through village.	£14,118.50	£15,462.76
10	Stracathro P.S. (Hard Standing Area)	Construction of "Drop-off" point at rural school for buses and cars.	£1,775.65	£1,370.00
11	McDonald-Smith Drive (Missing F/way Link)	Construction of missing footway link in large housing scheme.	£1,987.62	£1,728.70
12	Aberlemno P.S. (Hard Standing Area)	Construction of "Drop-off" point at rural school for buses and cars.	£3,126.18	£2,955.00
13	Rossie Island Viaduct. (Missing F/way Link)	Construction of missing footway link access to bus layby from housing area.	£5,552.75	£5,075.00
14	Montrose & Arbroath (Cycle Counter Sites)	Supply and installation of specialist cycle counter facilities.	£3,500.00	£3521.00
15	Careston P.S. (Hard Standing Area)	Construction of "Drop-off" point at rural school for buses and cars.	£2,000.00	£1,643.00

WORKS COST TOTAL	£55,393.49	£53,942.02
Staff time & costs at approximately 18%* of work cost totals	£9,970.83	£9,709.56
GRAND TOTAL	£65,364.32	£63,651.58

* - this higher fee element reflects the need for extra work due to the timescales for delivery of Year 1 projects


PROPOSED C.W.S.S. PROJECTS

YEAR 2 (2002/03)

	SCHEME	PROPOSED SURFACE DIMENSIONS	COMMENTS	APPROX. COST
1	Improving & widening footpath along route of dismantled railway in Brechin	Approximately 300 sq.m overall	Link from secondary school to housing	£ 11,500.00
2	Bucklers Croft to Wellbank	40m x 1.8m	Missing footway link along North side.	£ 4,500.00
3	Cycle safety training & leaflets	-	Slapwrap tags for Schools, Promotional Items & Publicity	£ 3,000.00
4	Infilling of dismantled railway cutting in Montrose (See year 3)	-	Sum to cover compliance with regulations for landfilling, etc.	£ 3,500.00
5	Safe Routes to Stations	-	Provide cycle facilities and highlight cycle routes to Stations	£ 5,000.00
6	Westhill Road/Muir Road, Kirriemuir	50m x 1.2m	Missing footway link along North side.	£ 4,000.00
7	Supply of materials for footpath at Stracathro Primary School	-	Community project	£ 3,000.00
8	Turning Area/Drop-off Point at Timbergreen, Arbroath	Approximately 100 sq.m overall	Formalise existing turning area and provide additional footway.	£ 3,000.00
9	Kirkton Steps, Arbroath	-	Provision of hand rail & cycle ramp	£ 1,500.00
10	Monikie Primary School	35m x 1.5m	Provision of "Drop-off" point	£ 3,000.00
11	Commercial Street/Bulb Park, Newtyle	130m x 1.8m	Missing footway link along South side.	£ 14,000.00
12	Cycle storage at Primary Schools	-	Provision of cycle storage at primary schools throughout Angus	£ 11,000.00
13	Car park access at Websters High School, Kirriemuir	40m x 3.0m	Create new access to car park	£ 2,000.00
14	Hercules Den to Kirkton Industrial Estate	Approximately 200 sq.m overall	Provide chippy dust footpath surface over existing worn pathway	£ 6,000.00

Estimated Total Works Costs	£ 75,000.00
Design Costs @ Approx 12% of the above	£ 9,000.00

Estimated Total Costs for Year 2	£ 84,000.00
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 = new projects introduced into Year 2 programme

PROPOSED C.W.S.S. PROJECTS
YEAR 3 (2003/04)

	SCHEME	PROPOSED SURFACE DIMENSIONS	PROPOSED PROJECT OUTLINE	APPROX. COST
1	Provide cycle track from Northesk Road, Montrose along route of dismantled railway cutting (Infilled during yr 2)	-	Landscaping & footpath/cycle track. Construction in Disused Railway Cutting	£ 40,000.00
2	Surfacing of footpath at Archies Park, Forfar	-	Surface up existing footpath and provide bollards to prohibit vehicular access.	£ 7,000.00
3	Cycle track from Carnoustie to Monifieth	-	Joint project with other funding packages. Sum shown is contribution from CWSS monies.	£ 40,000.00
4	20mph zones around schools & housing ('Twenty's Plenty' scheme)	-	Say 4 Areas @ £4500 each	£ 18,000.00
5	Provide cycle track along route of dismantled railway to Northwaterbridge viaduct		Landscaping & cycle track Construction along Disused Railway Embankment	£ 35,000.00
6	Cycle Training	-		£ 1,000.00
7	Resurfacing of the Seven Arches viaduct, Monifieth (Joint project with Dundee C.C.)	-	Sum shown is 50% of estimated project value & includes for a new access to the path from Palnackie Road and provision of off street lighting	£ 15,000.00

Estimated Total Works Costs	£ 156,000.00
Design Costs @ Approx 12% of the above	£ 18,720.00

Estimated Total Costs for Year 3	£ 174,720.00
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