

**ANGUS COUNCIL****PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE  
ROADS COMMITTEE****1 DECEMBER 1998  
1 DECEMBER 1998****SUBJECT: RESURFACING OF FOOTWAYS, LITTLE CAUSEWAY, FORFAR****JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF  
ROADS**

<b>Abstract: This report presents revised proposals for treating the footways in Little Causeway, Forfar.</b>
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**1 RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee authorises complete re-paving of the footways in Little Causeway, Forfar in natural sandstone paving slabs at a cost of £55,000. The work will be financed using £25,000 allocated from the 1997/98 Property Repairs and Renewals Fund and £30,000 to be vired from other projects contained in the Planning and Transport Department's 1998/99 Capital Expenditure Budget.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A report (R143/98) was considered by the Committee on 29 January 1998 which stated that there were three options available to the Council in the context of repairing the footway surfaces at Little Causeway as follows:

**Option 1: Retain all sound material and make up the shortfall with matching material.**

**Option 2: Replace the whole footway surfaces with Caithness flag or York Stone and supplement the reusable sandstone kerbs with matching materials.**

**Option 3: Replace the whole footway surfaces and kerbs with "look-a-like" concrete finishes.**

- 2.2 The original recommendation was to pursue Option 1 for conservation reasons. Little Causeway has probably been paved with Carmyllie-type sandstone flags since it was first laid out.
- 2.3 After several months of unsuccessful attempts to source suitable, reclaimed paving slabs for repairs, the Director of Roads has recommended that all of the existing material be removed. New sandstone flags, similar in colour and texture to the Carmyllie-type slabs, are recommended as the replacement surfacing material. The Director of Roads feels that to simply carry out patch repairs would not be a long-term solution. He is also concerned over the long-term maintenance implications of such an approach..

- 2.4 If the original option is adhered to it is unlikely that suitable reclaimed material will be obtained before the deadline for the expenditure of the monies allocated from the Property Repairs and Renewals Fund. The additional funds that are available from the Planning and Transport Department's Capital Expenditure Budget, will also have to be expended before the end of this financial year. Accordingly, it is essential that a decision is taken now in order to allow the works to proceed.

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In addition to the £25,000 already allocated from the Property Repairs and Renewals Fund the Director of Planning and Transport has identified a sum of £25,000 which is available from the North Water Viaduct Cycleway. A further sum of £5,000 is available from the Local Plans Implementation Budget. Sufficient funds are, therefore, available to meet the cost of resurfacing the whole of the footways in Little Causeway. In addition, resurfacing in this fashion will, in the opinion of the Director of Roads, reduce future maintenance costs.

### 4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Chief Executive and the Directors of Finance and Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

### 5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Whilst it would be desirable to repair the defective areas of the Little Causeway footways in matching material, attempts to source reclaimed slabs have been unsuccessful. In addition, the Director of Roads is concerned at the long-term maintenance implications if reclaimed slabs are required in the future. Provided that the new sandstone slabs are a good colour/texture match and are correctly detailed, complete repaving in another natural material will maintain the character of Little Causeway.

### 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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