

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****30 APRIL 1998****ANVIL BANK - LETHAM****UPGRADING ROAD/FOOTWAYS TO A 'REASONABLE' STANDARD****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report seeks authorisation to utilise powers contained within the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to fund a shortfall in bringing the road/footways in Anvil Bank, Letham up to a reasonable, but not adoptable standard.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) note that the residents of Anvil Bank have already spent around £10,000 in attempting to bring the road/footways up to a 'reasonable' standard;
- (ii) utilise its powers arising from Section 14(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 in making a contribution of approximately £2000 to finish necessary works to bring the condition of Anvil Bank up to a 'reasonable', but not adoptable standard.

2 INTRODUCTION

Anvil Bank was constructed before the protection afforded by road bonds came into being which was introduced in the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

The roads and footways in Anvil Bank remained uncompleted until several years ago when the residents got together to fund the upgrading of the road to a 'reasonable' standard. Some necessary works to complete the footways are still outstanding.

3 **DETAILS**

- (i) The residents have collectively expended around £10K in upgrading the road at Anvil Bank to a reasonable standard. Some residents have spent additional monies in upgrading the footway outside their own properties.
- (ii) In order to finish off the upgrading of the road and unfinished footways to a 'reasonable' but not adoptable standard, around £2K requires to be expended.
- (iii) It is thought desirable in light of the significant monies already spent by the residents of Anvil Bank in pro-actively carrying out and funding most of the work to bring the road/footways to a 'reasonable' standard that the Council use its powers available in Section 14(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to fund and complete the remainder of the works.
- (iv) The estimated cost of completing the works to a reasonable standard is around £2K. The residents have been informed that if the works were to be carried out then the road would still not be added to the List of Roads and that they would be responsible for its future maintenance and any associated problems.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £2K required to bring Anvil Bank up to a reasonable standard can be funded from the 1998/99 Roads Revenue Budget under the repair footways category. There would be no ongoing maintenance commitment to the Council thereafter.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6 CONCLUSION

It is deemed desirable to complete the road/footways at Anvil Bank via a contribution from Angus Council to bring it up to a 'reasonable' standard in light of the significant monies already expended by the residents in attempting to do same.

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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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