

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****11 JUNE 1998****WORKING GROUP ON THE MAINTENANCE OF 'UNADOPTED'**
PAVED AREAS AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report outlines the objectives of a Working Group set up to consider the future responsibilities for the maintenance of presently unadopted paved areas and the sourcing of budgets to carry out such maintenance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to note that a Working Group has been formed Chaired by the Director of Roads to consider the future maintenance of paved areas which are the Council's responsibility but which are not included in the Statutory List of Public Roads.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Roads Department maintains a statutory list of public roads and footways which are adopted and are the responsibility of the Roads Authority for maintenance.

There are however many other roads, footpaths and paved areas in the Council area

which are not included on the list of adopted public roads. These fall into two categories:-

- (i) private roads etc
- (ii) Angus Council 'owned' roads, footpaths, paved areas.

Private roads by definition, are not maintained by the Council and are generally the responsibility of the landowner(s) or the frontagers.

Council 'owned' areas include paths, garage courts, parking areas, roads etc., for which Departments other than the Roads Department are responsible for maintenance e.g., Housing, Recreation Services, Education.

It is these areas which are the focus of investigation by the Working Group.

The underlying question which promoted the formation of the Group was should all such unadopted Council 'owned' paved areas come under one Department for maintenance in order to:-

- a) Eradicate the confusion which often arises as to which Department is responsible for their maintenance
- b) To achieve more value for money on maintenance expenditure

3. DETAILS

The Group is Chaired by the Director of Roads and has representation from the Departments of Education, Property, Recreation Services, Housing and Law & Administration. The Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection will be invited to have representation at further meetings.

To date the work of the Group has concentrated on establishing:-

- The extent of areas involved
- The current budgets held for maintenance by the relevant Department
- The current maintenance regimes for such areas

A pilot exercise is ongoing to properly identify all areas in Forfar in an inventory form with supporting plans.

Further consideration will then be required into which Department(s) is/are to be responsible for the future maintenance of such areas and the budget implications.

The principles established as a result of the pilot study can then be extended to other areas.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications at this stage.

5. **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Education, Director of Property Services, Director of Recreation Services, Director of Housing and the Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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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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