ABSTRACT
This report discusses the proposed arrangements to mark National Bike Week and Bike2Work 2004.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

(i) to note that Breakfast Receptions will be held in the various burghs – Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose during the week Monday 13 to Friday 18 June 2004, to which Angus Council staff, cycling supporters and elected members will be invited;

(ii) to note that an Evening Fun Run in conjunction with the Cycle Touring Club will be held on Wednesday 16 June from Forfar Leisure Centre via various routes to Roundyhill and thereafter returning to Forfar to which Angus Council staff, cycling supporters and elected members will be invited;

(iii) to note that a Pedalling Picnic Fun Run in conjunction with Sustrans will be held on Sunday 12 June from Ethiebeaton Retail Park to RRS Discovery via the Sustrans Route 1 and return, to which Angus Council staff, cycling supporters and elected members will be invited;

(iv) to note that ‘On Road’ cycle training will be offered by the Road Safety Officer (Angus) at lunchtime on Wednesday 16 June in Forfar;

(v) to note that “Bike Road Shows” will be held by various Road Safety personnel for secondary school pupils at Arbroath Academy and Arbroath High School;

(vi) to note that it is planned to involve all Secondary Schools in Angus by encouraging pupils to take part;

(vii) to note that the Director of Roads in conjunction with the Chief Constable will promote a campaign of Road Safety aimed at newsagents and their staff (paperboys/girls) in all the Angus burghs.
INTRODUCTION

2.1 Bike2Work has become more popular since it was changed from a single day to the whole of Bike Week. Local Authorities and other large employers promote Bike2Work to encourage staff who currently drive to work to cycle instead.

2.2 Members will recall that breakfast receptions were held last year in Arbroath, Carnoustie, Forfar and Monifieth to mark the National Bike Week and also to encourage Council staff to cycle to work.

2.3 These breakfast receptions have proved to be highly successful and it is intended once again to hold a number of events locally to mark the occasion of Bike Week and Bike2Work which takes place between the 12 and 20 June 2004.

2.4 Bike Week is the UK’s only annual nation-wide campaign to increase participation in organised cycling, to encourage one time cyclists to return to the road, and to promote nationally the wider social and environmental benefits of more people cycling to work or educational establishments.

2.5 As a result of last years Bike Breakfasts a number of cycle facilities were provided at Council premises and in Carnoustie council staff continued to cycle as a group for recreational purposes during their lunchtime. It is hoped that the promotion of cycling as a means of commuting to work or purely for social/recreational purposes will once again see the number of Council staff who cycle increase.

DETAILS

3.1 Bike Breakfasts & ‘Dr Bike’

3.1.1 It is intended to hold breakfast receptions in various Council offices in the following burghs:-

3.1.2 Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth, Montrose.

3.1.3 All Angus Council Staff, Elected Members and various other parties involved in promoting cycling in Angus will be invited to attend these breakfasts.

3.1.4 Free cycle safety checks known as ‘Dr Bike’ have long been a popular feature of National Bike Week and it is intended to provide a free inspection by competent checkers at the breakfast venues.

3.2 Evening Fun Run

3.2.1 It is proposed to support the local Cycle Touring Club and participate in a social Fun Run on Wednesday 16 June when a cycle run will take place leaving Forfar Leisure Centre at 19.00 hrs with a leisurely cycle to Roundyhill Caravan Park for a light buffet and refreshments and thereafter a return cycle to Forfar. There will be various routes available offering a mixture of on- and off-road cycling for both experienced and inexperienced riders.
3.2.2 This event was well supported last year and thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

3.3 **Pedalling Picnic Fun Run**

3.3.1 It is also proposed to hold a Pedalling Picnic Fun Run on Sunday 12 June. This cycle run will leave Ethiebeaton Retail Park at 12.30 pm and proceed at a leisurely pace to RRS Discovery in Dundee for a light buffet and refreshments. Thereafter cyclists will return to Ethiebeaton Retail Park. The route will follow the Sustrans National Cycle Route 1 through Monifieth to RRS Discovery and will be for both experienced and inexperienced riders. This event was extremely popular and well supported last year with families also encouraged to take part.

3.4 **Cycle Training**

3.4.1 It is intended to provide ‘On Road’ cycle training by the Cycle Training Officer at lunchtime on Wednesday 16 June in Forfar for those who feel they need ‘On Road’ training.

3.4.2 All Angus Council Staff, Elected Members and various other parties involved in promoting cycling in Angus will be invited to attend.

3.5 **Bike Road Shows**

3.5.1 It is intended to provide “Bike Road Shows” for S3 and S4 secondary school pupils at Arbroath Academy and Arbroath High School. These “Road Shows” will give Cycling and Road Safety information. Presentations will be given by Road Safety experts, Education staff, Tayside Police and the NHS on various road safety issues.

3.6 **School Participation**

3.6.1 It is planned to involve all Secondary Schools in Angus by encouraging pupils to take part in Bike Week by cycling to school. It is intended to provide a breakfast for all pupils and staff who cycle to school on 16 June.

3.7 **Paperboys/girls**

3.7.1 It is intended to promote a campaign of Road Safety aimed at newsagents and their staff in all the Angus burghs. Various road safety issues will be raised including the wearing of cycle helmets and the wearing high visibility clothing.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The estimated cost of the various Bike Breakfasts, Fun Runs, etc is £1000 and this has been provided for in the 2004/05 Roads Department Revenue Budget for Traffic Management and Road Safety.

5 **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.
6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Education, the Director of Leisure Services, the Director of Property Services, the Director of Planning and Transport and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 The National Bike Week and Bike2Work will be held between 12 and 20 June 2004 and it is appropriate that Angus Council marks the occasion by hosting and promoting various events to encourage cycling and road safety for cyclists.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-


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