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ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO CYCLETRACK AT
SEVEN ARCHES VIADUCT, MONIFIETH

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT
This report considers the proposal by Sustrans to surface the cycle track over the Seven Arches Viaduct at Monifieth.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to approve the proposal by Sustrans to surface the cycle track over the Seven Arches at Monifieth, the work to be supervised by the Director of Roads.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Report No. 1133/03 by the Director of Planning and Transport and Director of Roads considered the overall programme of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS). The Committee agreed to provide lighting across the Seven Arches viaduct at Monifieth to be funded out of the CWSS budget during the current financial year.

3 DETAILS

3.1 The cycle track across the Seven Arches Viaduct in Monifieth links Monifieth with Eheibeaton Park (see Appendix A). It also forms part of Route 1 of the Sustrans National Cycle Network and is also part of the North Sea Cycle Route. It has been considered for some time that it would be desirable to surface and light the route, and following representations from the Youth Council, it was agreed to provide lighting. To date there has been insufficient funding to provide a new surface.

3.2 Sustrans have been in discussion with the Scottish Executive regarding improvements to the whole National Cycle Network and were recently awarded funding to carry out improvements. Discussions between the Director of Roads and Sustrans have identified the cycletrack across the Seven Arches Viaduct as suitable for improvement and Sustrans have allocated £71,500 to allow these works to be carried out in the current financial year. The Director of Roads will design, procure and supervise the works.

3.3 Angus Council does not own the viaduct but in 1990 the City of Dundee District Council and their successors (now Angus Council) were granted a right of wayleave and access in all time coming across the viaduct. The deed granting the Council
rights of access also obliges the Council to maintain the public footpath and cycleway across the viaduct.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 SUSTRANS have agreed to meet the full cost of carrying out the works up to a value of £71,500. It is anticipated that the cost of the works can be contained within this external funding limit but any shortfall will be contained within the overall Roads Revenue Budget for 2003/04. The work will be carried out during the current financial year.

5 CONSULTATION

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

6 CONCLUSION

6.1 The section of cycletrack over the Seven Arches is well used and merits surfacing and lighting. The provision of lighting has been previously approved under the programme of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets. It is particularly pleasing that SUSTRANS have now agreed to fund the cost of surfacing.

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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 (list papers concerned):

Report No 1133/03 Cycling, Walking, and Safer Streets Fund – Programme of Works

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