

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2009

**CONVERSION OF FOOTWAYS TO SHARED USE PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE TRACKS
AT MONTROSE**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report recommends that the Committee agrees to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to convert existing lengths of footways to shared use pedestrian/cycle tracks at Montrose for the reasons set out in the report.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the promotion of an Order to convert existing lengths of footways at A92 Montrose – Arbroath Road and A934 Montrose – Forfar Road to shared pedestrian/cycle tracks.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 As part of Angus Council's continuing commitment to walking and cycling the Infrastructure Services Roads division has recently completed the upgrading of the previously unmade footway on the north side of the A934 Montrose – Forfar Road from Rossie to its junction with Maryton Road.
- 2.2 The upgraded footway has a bound surface and is now considered more suitable for use by cyclists.
- 2.3 This path will form part of the proposed route which will in due course circle Montrose Basin and allow walkers and cyclists to remain off-road along the busy A92 and A934 from Rossie Island to Maryton.
- 2.4 This cycle track will at its eastern end link to the existing shared use pedestrian/cycle track on Rossie Island Road and the Sustrans National Cycle Route 1 as well as the extensive existing off-road cycle track network in Montrose.
- 2.5 At its western end the proposed cycle track will end at its junction with Maryton Road and cyclists will continue on the unclassified minor road to Barnhead and around the west side of Montrose Basin to the A935, Brechin – Montrose Road.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1 It is proposed to convert to cycletrack (cycle and foot traffic) that length of footway on the north side of the A92 Montrose – Arbroath Road from just west of the roundabout junction at Rossie Island Road westwards to its junction with the A934 Montrose – Forfar Road.
- 3.2 It is also proposed to convert to cycletrack (cycle and foot traffic) that length of footway on the north side of the A934 Montrose – Forfar Road from its junction with the A92 westwards to its junction with Maryton Road.

3.3 The affected length of footway is shown on the attached location plan.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £500 which will be met from the 2009/2010 Road's Division Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £50 per annum and this will require to be met from the Road's Division Revenue Budgets in future years.

5 **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

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

6 **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7 **SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

15. Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

- Resources are used effectively.
- Services are targeted at those in greatest need.

8 **CONSULTATION**

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance, Head of Law and Administration and the Chief Constable were consulted in the preparation of this report.

9 **CONCLUSION**

9.1 In order to provide improved off road cycling facilities around Montrose existing sections of footway require to be converted to cycletrack which requires a formal Order.

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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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