

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 OCTOBER 2009

SUBJECT: UPGRADE OF FOOTPATH, ARBROATH ENTERPRISE PARK

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Abstract: This report seeks approval to commission an upgrade of a footpath on Arbroath Enterprise Park.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to authorise:
- (i) works of approximately £35,000 to upgrade a footpath linking Arbroath Enterprise Park with the housing schemes to the east ([Appendix 1](#)); and
 - (ii) the Head of Roads to progress the procurement and the construction of the project.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 To encourage people to walk to and from work on Arbroath Enterprise Park, in 2002 the Council built a footpath linking the Park's Baden-Powell Road with East Kirkton Road.
- 2.2 The footpath is of rudimentary construction with whin dust surface, no drainage and no streetlighting. It has never been adopted.
- 2.3 The footpath has recently become prone to severe flooding, constituting a nuisance and a potential hazard to its users. This has resulted in complaints from both pedestrians and businesses located on the Park.
- 2.4 The Head of Roads has assessed the problems, and has proposed a scheme for installing adequate drainage and resurfacing the path.
- 2.5 In the event of these remedial works not being undertaken, the path may have to be closed down, both in the interests of public safety and to protect the Council against any liability claims that may result from injuries sustained by pedestrians while using it.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The estimated cost of the works of £35,000 and this can be met from the Economic Development 2009/10 capital allocation for Land/Property sustainable improvements.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.

6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus:
- We live longer and healthier lives.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Law & Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 These works, although significant, are necessary in order to safeguard the long-term future of the pedestrian link between Arbroath Enterprise Park and the housing to the east. If the works cannot be undertaken, the Council may be forced to close the path. This would inevitably discourage walking to and from work, and would thus increase car usage.

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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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