This report deals with a proposal to introduce a permanent restriction on the maximum size of vehicles permitted to use a section of Manor Street, Forfar.

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order restricting the length of vehicles permitted to use a section of Manor Street, Forfar.

2 DETAILS

2.1 Manor Street links Craig O’Loch Road with Castle Street and is generally quite narrow particularly near its junction with Castle Street. This makes the turning movement from Manor Street into Castle Street very difficult for large vehicles.

2.2 That section of Manor Street extending for a distance of 77 metres westwards from its junction with Castle Street is currently subject to an eastwards only one-way traffic restriction. This has the effect of prohibiting vehicles entering Manor Street from Castle Street.

2.3 It was recently reported that a large articulated vehicle entered Manor Street from Craig O’Loch Road in the belief that it could access Castle Street by this route. The vehicle was too long to make the turn in either direction into Castle Street and as such had to reverse the whole length of Manor Street to Craig O’Loch Road.

2.4 In order to avoid this situation arising in the future it is proposed to introduce a prohibition of driving by vehicles exceeding a length of 35 feet (10.7 metres) over that section of Manor Street from a point 30 metres east of its junction with Manor Court eastwards to its junction with Castle Street.

2.5 All vehicles will be permitted on the remaining western section of Manor Street in order to permit access by large vehicles to the existing service yard for the nearby DIY store.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The estimated cost of implementing the proposals is £4,500 which will be met from the 2011/2012 Infrastructure Services Roads Division (Traffic) Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £350 per annum.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 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.
7 CONCLUSION

7.1 In the interest of traffic safety and free traffic flow road improvements it is considered appropriate to restrict the length of vehicle permitted to travel along the eastern section of Manor Street. The promotion of an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order is required.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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