This report deals with a proposal to simplify the traffic management arrangements arising from major football events in Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is asked to agree to the promotion of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit driving and waiting in certain streets when considered necessary by Tayside Police in order to manage traffic arising from a major football related event at the main football grounds in Angus.

2. DETAILS

2.1 At present the major football teams in Angus, ie. Arbroath FC, Brechin City FC, Forfar FC and Montrose FC, are in the lower Leagues and generally the traffic generated by the home and visiting fans is manageable and does not result in major traffic congestion or traffic safety issues.

2.2 However from time to time these teams may be drawn against a Premier League team such as in a Cup competition and in such instances large numbers of additional home and away fans can be expected particularly against the likes of Celtic and Rangers.

2.3 Whilst such instances are relatively infrequent they can cause major traffic issues and up to now individual temporary traffic orders have been promoted to restrict driving and parking in certain streets in order to safely manage the impact of the expected high volume of traffic.

2.4 This involves the Council and Tayside Police in expense to promote these temporary Orders. Such temporary Orders also have to be promoted some weeks in advance of the event because of the statutory procedures involved.

2.5 In order to minimise this need into the future there have been discussions between officers of the Roads Division and Tayside Police regarding the promotion of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order which would permit the introduction of traffic management measures (ie road closures and prohibition of waiting, etc) as and when Tayside Police consider appropriate in the interest of pedestrian and traffic safety and free traffic flow.

2.6 The proposed measures would have the effect of prohibiting vehicular traffic during periods when Tayside Police close off the relevant streets and prohibit the waiting of vehicles during periods when Tayside Police place no waiting cones in relevant streets as follows:

2.6.1 Arbroath

- Prohibition of driving at Ladyloan (south leg).
- Prohibition of waiting at Ladyloan (both sides of south leg), Millgate Loan (west side) between Common Brae and Ladyloan, Infirmary Brae (both sides over its entire length) and Queens Drive (both sides for a distance of 75 metres from its east junction with Dundee Road.
- One way traffic eastwards at Queens Drive.
2.6.2 Brechin

- Prohibition of waiting at Trinity Road (west side) between Eddie Avenue and Distillery Road and Trinity Road (east side) from Smithbank Road southwards to a point approx 40 metres west of the access road leading to Glebe Park.

2.6.3 Forfar

- Prohibition of driving at Carseview Road and John Street for its entire length (north leg).
- Prohibition of waiting at Brechin Road (east side) between Market Street and Zoar, Market Street (north side) between Brechin Road and Station Place, Station Road (north side) between Suttieside Road and Station Place and Suttieside Road (both sides) between Station Road and Carseview Road.

2.6.4 Montrose

- Prohibition of driving at Melville Road and St Peters Road for their entire lengths.
- Prohibition of waiting at Eastern Road (west side) from Dorward Road southwards to a point 35 metres south of Union Road, Provost Scotts Road (east side) between Dorward Road and Union Road, Union Road (north side) for its entire length, Wellington Street (both sides) between Eastern Road and Provost Scotts Road, Reform Street (north side) between Eastern Road and Provost Scotts Road and Academy Square (north side) between Eastern Road and Panmure Place.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendation contained in this Report.

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 during major football events it is considered appropriate to restrict the waiting and driving of vehicles on certain streets in the vicinity of football grounds. The promotion of an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order is required, and accordingly is recommended.

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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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