

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2001

NORTH SEA CYCLE ROUTE – GRAND OPENING 5 MAY - 23 JUNE 2001

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report discusses the proposed arrangements to mark the opening of the North Sea Cycle Route (NSCR).

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to note that a breakfast reception will be held at the Signal Tower Museum, Arbroath on Friday 22 June to which various dignitaries, guests and riders will be invited to mark the official opening of the North Sea Cycle Route;
- (ii) to note that a ceremony will be held in Montrose on Friday 22 June to which various dignitaries, guests, schoolchildren and riders will be invited to mark the occasion.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Roads Committee of 8 March 2001 approved Report No 327/01 which put forward proposals to mark the launch of the North Sea Cycle Route. Members will recall that last year the Sustrans National Cycle Route was officially opened and a number of receptions were held as the route progressed through Angus. It is the intention to mark the opening of the North Sea Cycle Route by holding a breakfast reception at the Signal Tower Museum and also a ceremony in Montrose involving schoolchildren from a local Primary School on Friday 22 June 2001.

3 DETAILS

As reported in March, the official start of the opening of the North Sea Cycle Route is in Hamburg, Germany on Saturday 5 May 2001. Two Opening Tours will set out in opposite directions along the perimeter of the North Sea, converging 7 weeks later in Aberdeen on Saturday 23 June 2001. Along the way there will be a number of receptions co-ordinated by various local authorities on the North Sea Cycle Route.

The tour that heads south from Hamburg travels through Holland, up the east coasts of England and Scotland and arrives in Arbroath from St Andrews on Thursday 21 June 2001.

It is intended to have a breakfast reception at the Signal Tower Museum, Arbroath on Friday 22nd June at 9.00am to formally open the NSCR within Angus, to which various dignitaries, guests, participants and for those who have been or will be involved in this project. It will also draw to the public's attention the fact that the NSCR is now open and can be explored.

It is also proposed to hold a smaller ceremony/photo stop in Montrose on Friday 22 June to which various dignitaries, guests, local schoolchildren and participants will be invited to attend.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of this launch and the reception is £500 and this has been provided for in the Roads Department Revenue budget.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

6 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Recreation Services, the Director of Education, the Director of Cultural Services and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

7 CONCLUSION

The North Sea Cycle Route will be officially opened between 5 May 2001 and 23 June 2001 and it is appropriate that Angus Council host a breakfast reception in Arbroath and a ceremony in Montrose to mark its launch.

Dr Bob McLellan
DIRECTOR OF ROADS

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:-

Report No. 215/96 – The National Cycle Network – The Angus Leg - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 25 April 1996.

Report No. 465/96 – Provision for Cyclists in Angus - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 6 June 1996.

Report No. 658/98 – North Sea Cycle Route - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 11 June 1998.

Report No. 102/99 – Sustrans National Cycle Route/North Sea Cycle Route - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 28 January 1999.

Report No. 98/00 – Sustrans National Cycle Route/North Sea Cycle Route - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 27 January 2000.

Report No. 327/01 – North Sea Cycle Route - approved by Angus Council Roads Committee – 8 March 2001.

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