ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

23 AUGUST 2001

WEIGHT LIMITS ON ROADS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT
This report recommends that a permanent Traffic Regulation Order be promoted to limit the weight of vehicles using various roads within Angus.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the promotion of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to revoke the current Tayside Region (Weight and Width Limits on Roads) (Consolidation) Order 1987 and create an Angus Council Traffic Regulation Order limiting the weight of vehicles using certain roads within Angus.

2 DETAILS

At present the regulation of weight limits on Angus roads is enforced under the terms of the Tayside Region (Weight and Width Limits on Roads) (Consolidation) Order 1987. Following the dissolution of Tayside Regional Council it was intended that in time all existing Tayside Region Traffic Regulation Orders would be replaced with Angus Council Orders. It is therefore intended to promote an Angus Council Traffic Regulation Order limiting the weight of vehicles using certain roads in Angus.

The existing Tayside Region Order would be revoked.
The following weight limits would apply:-

(i) Myreside Road Lunanhead (U367) - 3 Tonnes
(ii) Waulkmill Road Inverkeillor (U474) - 3 Tonnes
(iii) Arbikie Road Inverkeilor (U475) - 3 Tonnes

With regards to the restriction on Arbikie Road Inverkeilor, the Transport Section of the Planning and Transport Department which deals with the provision of school bus services wishes to use this road to pick up and drop off children. The buses to be used would exceed the present restriction and the current Traffic Regulation Order provides no exemption for such vehicles. The restriction on this road is purely environmental to prevent its use by vehicles associated with nearby quarrying operations and as such an exemption for school buses would be acceptable.

It is therefore recommended that an exemption for such vehicles on this road be included within the proposed Angus Council Order.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning and Transport and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement these proposals is required.

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NOTE:

The following 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 this Report:-

REFERENCES

THE TAYSIDEREGION (WEIGHT AND WIDTH LIMITS ON ROADS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 1987

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