

4 GREEN CIRCULAR UPGRADE AT TROTTICK PONDS NATURE RESERVE (AN36-2016)

Reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of 29th October, 2012, wherein approval was given for Dundee Outdoor Access Strategy 2012-2017.

The Green Circular walking and cycle route runs for 26 miles around the city and is highly regarded as an important local and regional asset in the promotion of leisure and active travel.

Following a recent survey after flooding along the Dighty, the unbound surface through Trottick Ponds Local Nature Reserve was found to have suffered water erosion damage. It is proposed to upgrade the surface to be finished with bitumous macadam to reduce future maintenance costs and continues a programme of improving the surface of the Green Circular.

The proposed works are to be carried out in line with the Outdoor Access Strategy and Core Path Plan and to national cycleway standards, which will also make access to Trottick Ponds easier for people in wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Committee are asked to approve the above works and to authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to arrange for this work to be undertaken via the Roads Maintenance Partnership with Tayside Contracts. The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that the total capital improvement works of £25,000 can be met from allowances within the Recreation, Culture, Arts and Heritage: Parks and Open Spaces section of the Capital Plan 2016-2021 (£4,000) and from funding agreed from the Tactran Regional Transport Partnership for this project (£21,000). Work will be carried by the end of June, 2016.