

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 12 MARCH 2007**

**REPORT ON: QUALITY OF LIFE - ADOPTED FOOTWAY REPAIRS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 136-2007**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform Committee of the proposed repair programme for Quality of Life adopted footways in 2007/2008 to be funded through the Quality of Life Fund and to seek authority to commence the proposed repair programme.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a note the contents of this report; and agree the prioritisation of footway repairs in accordance with Appendix 1;
  - b authorise the City Engineer to issue orders for carrying out this work based on the approved partnering arrangement with Tayside Contracts for road maintenance and minor works; and
  - c authorise the City Engineer to promote schemes based on priority ratings in the event of unforeseen slippage to the programme.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Head of Finance has confirmed that funding for the above works can be met from the Quality of Life Fund allowance of £307,000 in 2007/2008.

## **4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

- 4.1 Sustainable working practices and, where appropriate, recycled materials will be used in the works.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The improved condition of footways will benefit the elderly and mobility impaired.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Due to ongoing obligatory commitments to safety-related cyclic road maintenance activities (road markings, gully emptying, patching etc), only a limited proportion of the road maintenance revenue budget has been available for reconstruction/resurfacing of carriageways and footways.
- 6.2 Whereas there is presently also a capital allocation for carriageway reconstruction, no such funding exists for works on adopted footways. Adopted footways requiring reconstruction or resurfacing have been identified throughout the city and a prioritised list prepared. This is reviewed annually to select schemes suitable for inclusion in a footway repair programme.

- 6.3 Since footway repairs meet the criteria for Quality of Life funding, an allowance of £307,000 in 2007/2008 has been allocated from this source to assist in addressing the backlog of such work. The proposed programme of footway works to be funded from Quality of Life monies in 2007/2008 is indicated in Appendix 1. These locations have been abstracted from the top of the comprehensive list based on priority ratings. Prioritising of individual locations has been based on a combination of condition and usage.
- 6.4 It should be noted that a number of unforeseen factors can lead to slippage within the proposed repair programme. These include adjacent development, construction or demolition, statutory undertakers' major works and cost fluctuations from the initial estimates. To ensure that a satisfactory expenditure profile is maintained, a degree of flexibility is required and it is considered that the City Engineer should therefore have the authority to promote schemes from the residual backlog list to the programme based on priority rating and estimated cost, to deal with any such slippage.
- 6.5 A variety of types of footway treatment are to be utilised in carrying out the footway repairs programme ranging from partial reconstruction to full reconstruction plus kerbing. At each footway, consideration will be given to the most appropriate type of treatment with regard to its make-up and condition, to ensure that the maximum number of locations can be repaired from this budget.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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**APPENDIX 1 - QUALITY OF LIFE FOOTWAYS REPAIR PROGRAMME 2007/2008**

Balunie Drive (localised areas at trees)  
Dunholm Road (S side Craigowan Road to access at no 20)  
Strathmartine Road (W side no 22 to Hill Street)  
Kirkton Crescent (Haldane Crescent to Kirkton Avenue)  
Dalgleish Road (W side slabbed area at Arbroath Road)  
Jedburgh Road (localised areas at trees)  
Hillcrest Road  
Landsdowne Gardens (footpath where adopted)  
Rosewood Terrace (N side)  
Briarwood Terrace  
Douglas Road (N side at Kingsway)  
Forfar Road (W side Argyle Street to Shamrock Street)  
Blackness Road (N side Glenagnes Road to Rosefield Street)  
Blackness Road (S side opposite fire station to Annfield Road)  
West Park Road (W side Beechwood Terrace to St Johnswood Terrace)  
Denoon Terrace / Dalrymple Street at Hillside Primary School  
Dunavon Gardens (E side where adopted)  
Gilburn Road (N side Asda exit to Ambleside Avenue)  
Gilburn Road (N side Strathmartine Road to no 6)  
Balunie Drive (S side no 307 to no 213)  
Balunie Drive (S side cul de sac at no 445 to cul de sac at no 535)  
Buttars Road (N side Buttars Terrace to Buttars Loan)  
East Links Place  
Gotterstone Drive (link path 328 Arbroath Road to 11 Cults Gardens)  
Berwick Drive (S side Salton Crescent to Dunbar Park) (parts)  
Law Steps (Lochee Road to Rankine Street)  
Castleroy Road (E side Camphill Road to Holly Road)  
Perth Road (S side Arnhall Drive to Riverside Drive)  
Sibbald Street