

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 17 APRIL 2006

REPORT ON: QUALITY OF LIFE - ADOPTED FOOTWAY REPAIRS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Committee of the proposed repair programme for Quality of Life adopted footways in 2006/2007 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 Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that funding for the above works can be met from the Quality of Life Fund allowance of £300,000 in 2006/2007.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 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 can be targeted at reconstruction/resurfacing of both carriageways and footways, with the latter currently being allocated some £220,000 per annum from the overall budget.
- 6.2 Whereas there is presently also a capital allocation for carriageway reconstruction, no such funding exists for works on adopted footways.

- 6.3 Adopted footways requiring reconstruction or resurfacing have been identified throughout the city and a prioritised list prepared. This is reviewed annually in preparing the revenue footways programme.
- 6.4 Since footway repairs meet the criteria for Quality of Life funding, an allowance of £300,000 in 2006/2007 has been allocated from this funding to assist in addressing the backlog of such work.
- 6.5 The proposed programme of footway works to be funded from Quality of Life monies in 2006/2007 is indicated in Appendix 1. These locations have been abstracted from the top of the comprehensive list based on priority ratings, in parallel with the equivalent proposed programme to be funded from revenue. Prioritising of individual locations has been based on a combination of condition and usage.
- 6.6 As with the revenue footways programme, 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.
- 6.7 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 2006/2007

Strathern Road (north side Crawford Place to Fairfield Road)

Arbroath Road (south side Noran Avenue to Craigie Avenue)

Holly Road (east/west leg)

Dunholm Road (south side shops to Duncarse Place)

Jedburgh Road (localised areas at trees)

Hillcrest Road

Brook Street (north side West Hendersons Wynd to Milnes East Wynd)

Perth Road (north side Ryehill Lane to Millers Wynd)

Clement Park Place/Wiston Place (opposite Harefield House)

Landsdowne Gardens (where adopted)

Sibbald Street

South Baffin Street

Clinton Terrace (adopted sections)

Leemount Lane

Caenlochan Road (adopted sections)

Avondale Terrace

Harley Street

Castleroy Crescent

Corran Gardens

Balunie Drive (Baluniefield cul-de-sac at numbers 307-433)

Magdalen Place

Rosewood Terrace (north side)

Briarwood Terrace

Tummel Place

Clyde Place

Leith Gardens

Parkhead Place