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**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2001**

**REPORT ON: CYCLING IN THE CITY 2001**

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

**REPORT NO: 253-2001**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Committee of progress achieved to date in the promotion of cycle related measures.
- 1.2 To advise committee of action ongoing and proposed which will further seek to enhance cycle provision within Dundee.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Committee is asked to approve this document and therefore remit the Director of Planning & Transportation to develop the proposals which include:
  - Regular monitoring and assessment of cycle use in Dundee;
  - Increases in cycle promotion measures;
  - Implementation of cycle routes within the city; and
  - Implementation of a cycle audit procedure.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Initiatives in this report are programmed over a three year time period. The total cost of implementing all projects listed will be in the region of £750,000. This level of funding is outwith budget allocations for the Planning & Transportation Department and so the document will be used to attract the significant level of external funding that will be required. Detailed costings will be reported to Committee on a project-specific basis.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The promotion of cycling is fully compliant with the aims of Local Agenda 21 through:
  - Efficient use of resources;
  - Limiting pollution;
  - Serving local needs;
  - Access promoted at reasonable cost and without expense of the environment;

- Protection and promotion of health; and
- Increasing opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation.

## 5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The City Council continues to acknowledge the dominance of the private car within the transport network. The promotion of alternatives such as cycling promotes equal opportunity by providing a greater choice of travel modes.

## 6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 In February 1997 the original Cycling in the City discussion document was produced. It provided base-line information for cycling issues and advocated measures which have provided a focus for action. This new document provides a revision of the 1997 publication and serves as a statement of intent for the next three years. This includes:

a Three Year Review

Cycle use and awareness – Dundee has experienced a growth in the overall number of journeys being undertaken by bicycle – in the order of 50% more trips since 1998. In general media coverage remained positive with increasing awareness amidst the general public of cycling issues.

It is proposed to continue to monitor use and promote cycling through the media and Council publications.

b Current Project Development

Facilities such as the Green Circular Route are an asset to the City, with the document setting out the context for the safeguarding and future promotion. This includes route connections between the city centre and Broughty Ferry as well as support for national and international projects offered by the national cycle network and the North Sea Cycle Route.

c Future Projects

To obtain further increases in cycle use a number of new projects are proposed:

- The development of a city-wide network of cycle routes;
- The adoption of a cycle audit procedure which will raise benefits through the consideration of cycling during project design;.
- The advancement of an art-trail concept for the Green Circular; and
- The enhancement and repair of the Douglas Terrace to Stannergate shoreline walkways.

- 6.2 Cycling in the City 2001 takes guidance from other policy documents produced by Dundee City Council. In particular it reflects the objectives outlined in the Local

Transport Strategy. The development of cycle facilities will impact on land use and also, therefore takes support from the Dundee Local Plan. Cycling in the City 2001 is predominantly an action plan but will provide guidance to the future review of policy documents by Dundee City Council.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Cycling in the City, Discussion Document – Revised February 1997.

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