

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - 24 MAY 2004

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 2004/05 and 2005/06 to be funded through the Quality of Life Fund and to seek authority to commence the proposed repair programme.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:-
- a Note the contents of this report; and agree the prioritisation of footway repairs in accordance with Appendices 1 and 2.
 - b Authorise the City Engineer to issue orders for carrying out this work based on the Unit Rate Contract for minor roadworks.
 - 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 allowances of £200,000 in 2004/05 and £300,000 in 2005/06.

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, gulley 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 £230,000 from the overall budget per annum.
- 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. The backlog of works identified from the list is presently valued at £3.8 m.

- 6.4 Since footway repairs meet the criteria for Quality of Life funding, allowances of £200,000 in 2004/05 and £300,000 in 2005/06 have been allocated from this funding to assist in addressing the backlog of such work.
- 6.5 The proposed programmes of footway works to be funded from Quality of Life monies in 2004/05 and 2005/06 are indicated in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively. These locations have been abstracted from the top of the comprehensive list based on priority ratings, in parallel with the equivalent proposed programmes to be funded from revenue. Scoring 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 year 2 to year 1 and from the residual backlog list to year 2 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 full reconstruction to a simple overlay. 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 these budgets.
- 6.8 The City Engineer is presently investigating the feasibility of using the Retread recycling process in footway works, as recently introduced in another Scottish authority, and Tayside Contracts are evaluating options for adapting or purchasing plant to suit this activity. It is proposed that a number of locations from within these programmes will be chosen to trial this process. These will be selected following more detailed surveys of site conditions.

7 CONSULTATIONS

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

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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Appendix 1 – Quality of Life Footways Repair Programme 2004/05

Usage	Condit	Rating	Location
4	4	12	West Queen Street (N side Bayfield Rd to Claypotts Rd)
4	4	12	Dundee Road (Douglas Tce to Dundee Rd)
4	4	12	Dundee Road (Railway bridge to Claypotts Rd)
4	4	12	St Vincent Street (E side Brook St to Monifieth Rd)
4	4	12	St Vincent Street (W side Brook St to Queen St)
4	4	12	Nursery Road (N side Torridon Rd E leg to Edzell St)
4	4	12	Fintry Road (No 76 to Hap Stores)
4	4	12	Douglas Road (Longtown Rd to G Craig & Sons)
4	4	12	Dickson Avenue (S side Ninewells Ave to No 122)
4	4	12	Dickson Avenue (S side Orleans Pl to Charleston Dr)
4	4	12	Dickson Avenue (S side Earn Cres to Orleans Pl car park)
4	4	12	Ancrum Road (S side Logie St to Tullideph Rd)
4	4	12	Liff Road (N side George St hall to Angus St)
4	4	12	Liff Road (S side Cpr Angus Rd to police Stn cul de sac)
4	4	12	Brook Street (S side at Vets)
4	4	12	Abertay Street (Camphill Rd to Strathmore St, where adopted)
3	4	11	Haldane Crescent (W side Kirkton Pl to Kirkton Cr)
3	4	11	Haldane Terrace (school link path)
3	4	11	Finella Place
3	4	11	Faraday Street (N side)
3	4	11	St Marys Place (at Synagogue)
3	4	11	Thomson Street (W side parts)
3	4	11	Perth Road (N side Glamis Rd to West Park Rd)
3	4	11	Strathmore Street, Broughty Ferry (Campfield Rd to Dornoch Pl)
3	4	11	Monymusk Underpass "floor"
3	4	11	Long Lane (N side at sheltered housing by New Rd)

Appendix 2 – Quality of Life Footways Repair Programme 2005/06

Usage	Condit	Rating	Location
3	4	11	Balunie Avenue (N side Baldovie Rd to Baldovie Gdns)
3	4	11	Balunie Drive (S side Baldovie Rd to cul de sac at No 213)
3	4	11	Balunie Drive (tree root damage at Nos 74,105,114,121,139,164,204)
3	4	11	Telford Road
3	4	11	Dalmahoy Drive (W side Turnberry Ave to Birkdale Pl)
3	4	11	Dalmahoy Drive (E side Birkdale Pl to St Kilda Rd)
3	4	11	St Leonard Road (W side St Marys Rd to Macalpine Rd)
3	4	11	Rannoch Road (at frontage of Turiff House)
4	4	12	Brook Street, Broughty Ferry (S side St Vincent St to New Rd)
4	4	12	Arbroath Road (S side Greendykes Rd to Balgavies Ave)
4	4	12	Arbroath Road (S side Balgavies Ave to Noran Ave)
3	4	11	Faraday Street (S side)
3	4	11	Whitfield Loan (E side)
3	4	11	Whitfield Avenue
3	4	11	Berwick Drive (S side Longhaugh Rd to Salton Cres)
3	4	11	Birks Terrace (E side)
3	4	11	Albany Terrace (N side Lawside Rd to No 28)
3	4	11	Balgavies Avenue (S side Greendykes Rd to Craigie Ave, where adopted)
2	4	10	Balgavies Place
3	4	11	Dunholm Road (N side Charleston St to Craigowan Rd)
3	4	11	Dunholm Road (S side Craigowan Rd to access at No 20)
3	4	11	Perth Road (S side West Park Rd to Arnhall Dr)
3	4	11	Scott Street (at trees)
3	4	11	Dunmore Drive
2	4	10	Dunmore Gardens
3	4	11	Buttars Road (S side Buttars Loan to Buttars St)
3	4	11	Law Steps (Lochee Rd to Rankine St)
2	4	10	Tircarra Gardens
2	4	10	Balunie Drive (internal adopted paths at No 211A)
2	4	10	Pitreavie Place
2	4	10	Darvel Place
2	4	10	Gibbs Lane/Old Muirton Road (Peel St to Muirton Rd)