

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 10th SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT ON: GREEN CIRCULAR AND CORE PATH IMPROVEMENT WORKS 2012-13

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT NO: 326-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek authority to undertake minor improvement works to the Green Circular and the core path network within the city.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the proposed improvements, authorise the expenditure of £39,500 and instruct the Director of Environment to arrange for the works to be undertaken.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs of £39,500 can be met from allowances within the 2012/13 capital plan for Environment/Paths for All.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 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. Sections of the route are included within the Sustrans National Cycle Network.
- 4.2 Following a survey of the entire route, the following proposed improvements have been prioritised to be undertaken this year:
- upgrading a section through Finlathen Park with improvements to the surfacing and drainage; and
 - improving the directional signage in line with current best practice by including destinations and travel times.
- 4.3 Dundee has a network of core paths throughout the city. The Land Reform (Scotland) Act requires that Core Paths are kept open and promoted including, where appropriate, through signage. Whilst some of the Core Paths are currently signed, there are a number of important routes that are not, particularly around the edge of the city.
- 4.4 Proposed improvements to be undertaken this year include:
- installation of destination signs at the start of the Core Paths at West Pitkerro, Benvie, Trottick and Strathmartine; and
 - improving the drainage, surfacing and signage to various paths within Camperdown Park.
- 4.5 All of the proposed improvement works are to be carried out in line with the Outdoor Access Strategy and Core Path Plan.

4.6 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above costs of £39,500 can be met from allowances from Paths for All within the Environment Department's Capital Budget 2012/13. It is recommended that the above proposals be approved and the Director of Environment be authorised to undertake these works.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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