

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 22 August 2005

REPORT ON: Cycling and Walking Routes in the West of Dundee

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 492-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To gain Committee approval for the implementation of two walking and cycling routes in the West of Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 approve the two proposed routes.
- 2.2 remits the Director of Leisure and Arts to submit tender reports for the specific components of the project to a future Committee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total project cost will be £213,500.
- 3.2 The Leisure and Arts department has been awarded £70,000 from Fresh Futures – Transforming Your Space to take forward this project.
- 3.3 The remaining project costs will be met through £50,000 from the Leisure and Arts Paths for All Capital budget for 2005/06 and £50,000 from 2006/07 with £19,000 from the Scottish Executive's Allocation for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) in 2005/06 and £24,500 in 2006/07.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposal to create new walking and cycling routes for the City will be advantageous to walkers, cyclists and tourists. Providing access to routes for walking and cycling is sustainable as it results in less people having to travel by private transport to work or for recreation.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed routes will aim to enhance the provision for walkers and cyclists throughout the City and will offer affordable sustainable transport alternatives. This will especially benefit people without access to a car.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article I of the Leisure Services Committee of 20 September 1999 when approval was given for Dundee's Paths for All Initiative and its four-year action plan.

- 6.2 Dundee's Paths for All Initiative outlined the need for a network of walking and cycling routes connecting communities and the City Centre. The proposal is to create safe, attractive, routes for walking and cycling that are accessible to all, wherever possible. The project aims to link communities in the west of Dundee to workplaces, the city centre, places of interest, countryside areas and the to the Green Circular, for recreational and commuting purposes. The majority of the routes will be off-road, linking through parks and open spaces.
- 6.3 Work to create these routes will include:
- Upgrading existing path surfaces to ensure they are suitable for use by pedestrians and cyclists
 - Creating new sections of path where required
 - Lighting currently unlit sections of the routes
 - Improving crossing points with transition kerbs and tactile warnings
 - White lines on the on-road sections
 - Signing the route
 - Placing information boards at strategic points along the route
 - Landscaping along South Road Park
- 6.4 In addition to the physical work being carried out, the two routes will be promoted through an update of the Green Circular map to include the new routes and a launch event in summer 2006.
- 6.5 The specific proposed locations of the two routes are:
- Route 1: City Centre to Green Circular via Balgay Park and Ninewells Hospital**
On road section – South Tay Street, West Port, Guthrie Street, Brook Street, Milnbank Road, City Road, Scott Street, Off road section - Balgay Park, Glamis Road, Ninewells Avenue, Ninewells Footbridge, George Pirie Way, New Section of path to Technology Park and Green Circular Link to Swallow Hotel.
- Route 2: City Centre to Green Circular via Balgay Park and South Road Park**
As Route 1 to Balgay Park, Glamis Road (next to Lochee Park), Ancrum Road, Path next to allotments, Path to Elmwood Road, path to Arran Drive, path along South Road Park. Additional spur from allotments to Lochee High Street via subway.
- 6.6 Tender reports for all specific items of work will be the subject of a future report.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Deputy Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Director of Planning & Transportation and Director of Dundee Contract Services have all been contacted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Article I of the Leisure Services Committee of 20 September 1999.

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