

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE –  
27 OCTOBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: PROVISION OF CYCLE ROUTE THROUGH THE PORT OF  
DUNDEE**

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

**REPORT NO: 681-2003**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise members of the outcome of further detailed discussions with Forth Ports regarding the provision of a dedicated cycle route through the operational dock area of Dundee Port and to recommend that the Council agrees to the proposed route and contributes towards the cost of its implementation.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee
- a Approves the proposals (in Appendix 1) for the provision of a dedicated route through Dundee Port.
  - b Agrees to provide match funding towards the cost of its implementation on an equal basis with Forth Ports.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The implementation of the cycle route has been costed at £504,000. This requires a £252,000 contribution from the Council. An allowance for the £252,000 will be included in the Chief Executive's Capital Budget 2004/05 within the draft Capital Plan 2003-2007 of which £126,000 will be met from the Scottish Executive capital grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets. A contribution of £252,000 will be made by Forth Ports.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The provision of opportunities and facilities for cycling is an important component of the Council's policies on sustainability and on the encouragement of leisure and recreation activities.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Cycling is an activity and form of transport which has a high accessibility to all sections of society. Greater public access to such facilities would further the Council's social inclusion objectives.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Members will recall that at the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting on 18 August 2003 they considered a report regarding the lack of a formal cycle route through Dundee Port and agreed to seek to assert the formal existence of a right of way through the port. Following further discussions with Forth Ports, it was agreed to

delay raising this action to allow a final opportunity for a mutually acceptable solution to be identified.

- 6.2 Since then, the Council Officers have met with Forth Ports on several occasions to study various issues surrounding the provision of a dedicated cycle route. From this, Forth Ports have submitted detailed proposals for such a route (see Appendix 1) which now meet the basic planning and engineering requirements for such a cycle route.
- 6.3 These proposals allow for a 4 metre wide cycle path along the northern edge of the operational dock area. Wherever possible this route has been physically segregated from the dock access roads, but in order to ensure its functional attractiveness, some sections are shared with dock traffic. In order to ensure safety along the route's full length, a 1.2m high security railing has been provided to protect cyclists and to delineate the formal cycle route. At the key vehicular entrances to the port, security barriers will be installed to control vehicular access, but cyclists will be able to pass through these unhindered.
- 6.4 The cost of the proposed works to implement the cycle route is £504,000 which is a significant reduction from the previous estimate of £1.2m. Given the fact that, although Forth Ports have responsibility for the operational port area, there is a substantial public benefit derived from the provision of this missing link in Dundee's Green Circular Cycle Route, it is considered fair and appropriate that these costs be shared equally by the Council.

## **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 Report No 473-2003

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