

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 18 November 2002**

**REPORT ON: Paths for All 2002/2003**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Arts**

**REPORT NO: 816-2002**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain approval for expenditure on part of Dundee's Paths for All Initiative.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the committee approve

2.1 The production of a Health Walks Independent walking leaflet for the Ardlar Area at a cost of £2,565.

2.2 The production of a quarterly newsletter to communicate with community groups throughout Dundee that are involved in Paths for All Projects at a cost of £891

2.3 The installation of pathway signage across the City to improve the links to the existing network of paths within the City for a cost of £3,088.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society and Scottish Natural Heritage have offered contribution of £1,544 towards the signage improvements.

3.2 Walking leaflets (£2,565), newsletter (£891) and signage (£1,544) can be met from the Paths for All Initiative Funding.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The proposal to undertake the recommendations will be advantageous to walkers, cyclists and horseriders throughout the City. Providing access to routes and enhancing the environment for walking, cycling and horseriding 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 proposal aims to enhance the routes throughout the City offering affordable sustainable transport alternatives. This will especially benefit people without access to a car. The proposal will be socially inclusive by encouraging groups and individuals to get involved.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 Reference is made to the Leisure Services Committee of 20 September 1999, Agenda Item I, when approval was given for Dundee's Paths for All Initiative and its four year Action Plan.

6.2 The Paths for All Initiative is now in its third year and has to date undertaken physical works of new paths in Dundee, made improvements to the Green Circular and numerous path linkages. The proposals in this report are part of the ongoing publicity element of the initiative to attract more users to the new path networks.

6.3 It is proposed to produce a series of 15 independent walking Leaflets of routes of less than two miles in length. The leaflets are to be produced in conjunction with the Community Health Development Project and Social Inclusion Partnership Area Workers. The leaflets will encourage people to get out and about, in and around Ardlar; they will be available at no cost from Neighbourhood Centres and Doctors' Surgeries.

The Public Relations Department has offered to produce the independent walking leaflet for £2,565.

6.4 The proposal to produce a quarterly, "Dundee's Paths for All Initiative Newsletter will let community groups and individuals know about current and proposed projects. It will be a mechanism for community groups and the Local Access Forum to communicate with each other. It will also help to consult on projects and help raise the profile of Dundee's Paths for All Initiative and projects undertaken by community groups and individuals.

6.5 It is proposed to undertake signage improvements on routes throughout the City, linking communities, services and routes for recreation. This project is to be undertaken in partnership with two Rotary Clubs within the City, Scottish Natural Heritage and with Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society who will undertake the works at a cost of £3,088. The signs will encourage residents to use the paths in their community and will help visitors navigate their way around the City.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

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

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Article 1 of the Leisure Services Committee 20 September 1999

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