

**REPORT TO: PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
29 MARCH 2004**

**REPORT ON: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CRITERIA USED TO PRIORITISE  
THE LIST OF UNADOPTED FOOTWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

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

**REPORT NO: 39-2004**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an additional criterion, namely the age of the footway/ footpath to be used when prioritising the List of Unadopted Footways/ Footpaths.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the age of adjacent housing in a street should be used to determine the age of the unadopted footway/footpath and that this additional criterion will be used in future years, commencing 2004/2005.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Any costs associated with this report are minimal and will be contained within the Planning & Transportation Capital allocation.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The improvement of unadopted footways/footpaths will increase the quality of the adopted footways/footpaths stock which will have a significant benefit to all users.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Council recognised a potential training opportunity when considering the introduction of the unadopted footways/footpaths policy and since its introduction in 1999, a number of road-worker training opportunities have been created which has resulted in real jobs being provided by Tayside Contracts.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 The Director of Planning and Transportation has undertaken a review of the existing unadopted footways scheme and considers it appropriate that an additional criterion be used when prioritising the List of Unadopted Footways/Footpaths, namely the age of the footway/footpath.
- 6.2 Because unadopted footways/footpaths are very often no more than "beaten tracks" with no formal construction, this makes an estimation of their age very subjective. It is therefore more appropriate to use the age of the housing fronting the footway/ footpath as a more accurate method of assessing and providing a criterion relating to the age of the footway/footpath.
- 6.3 It is proposed that the age of housing should be banded with a descending score the newer the housing, as per the table in Appendix A.

- 6.4 If there are no houses fronting the footway/footpath then the rating will be zero. If there are houses built at various times fronting a particular footway/footpath then the oldest built house(s) will be used to determine the score. Local knowledge and confirmation by reference to archived ordnance survey records will form the basis of the assessment but other written submission will also be considered.
- 6.5 The Director of Planning & Transportation will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Unadopted Footways Programme and will keep the prioritisation criteria under regular review.

## **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 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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**APPENDIX A****PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CRITERIA USED TO PRIORITISE THE LIST OF UNADOPTED FOOTWAYS/FOOTPATHS – AGE OF ADJACENT HOUSING TO ASSESS AGE OF FOOTWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

<u>Housing Age Range</u>	<u>Points</u>
Pre 1919	12
1920-1939	9
1940-1965	6
1966 – Present day	3
No houses	0