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REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7 JANUARY 2019

REPORT ON: AMENDMENT OF DUNDEE'S CORE PATH PLAN

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO. 5-2019

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for the updated Dundee Core Paths Plan and engage in public consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given to the amendments of the Dundee Core Path Plan.

2.2 It is recommended that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services is remitted to undertake the necessary statutory procedures to formally adopt the plan, and regularly review.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with the implementation of the above recommendations.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article I of the Minute of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26th January, 2009 which approved the adoption of the Dundee Core Path Plan (report 57-2009).

4.2 Initial consultation on amendments to the Core Path Plan was carried out during public information events with the Local Development Plan Main Issues consultation in 2016. Where changes are proposed, the land manager has been consulted. An extensive survey was carried out of Core Paths by BRAW Dundee (the Local Outdoor Access Forum) in 2016.

The Local Outdoor Access Forum recommended the acceptance of the 18 changes including 1 deletion, 3 additions and 14 amendments at their meetings on 7/11/16 and 24/6/18. The changes are outlined in Appendix 1

4.3 The changes to the plan are a result of:-

- The successful implementation of the Waterfront Project, creating better path connections along the waterfront and reconnecting the city to the river
- Investment in paths where routes were identified as Aspirational in the 2009 Core Path Plan
- Experience in managing the Core Path Plan

4.4 The Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003 Section 20, amended in 2016 (s20A), provides for the review and amendment of the Core Paths Plan on the basis that it should be capable of reflecting changes in circumstances over time. This legislation allows councils to amend their Core Paths Plans without the need for Ministerial approval, as long as there are no objections to proposed amendments. If the amended Core Paths Plan is subject to a sustained objection, Ministerial approval following a local Public Inquiry is required. The Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003 (s20A) specifies the consultees for proposed amendments to the Core Paths Plan as follows:

- the Local Access Forum
- those who live, work or take recreation on land affected by the amended Core Paths Plan
- Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

- 4.5 The Land Reform Act (Scotland) 2003 requires that the amended Core Paths Plan is made available for public comment for a minimum of 12 weeks. If there are no objections, the Council can adopt the amended Core Paths Plan. If any objection received during the public inspection cannot be resolved, the amendment to which it relates will be removed from the plan to allow its adoption. The list and mapping of the adopted amended Core Paths Plan must be made available to the public and a copy must be sent to the Minister for information.

5. 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 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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Appendix 1 Proposed amendments to Core Path Plan

Amdt Number	Core Path Name	Description of proposed amendment	Reasoning
1	CP50	Dykes of Gray Rd path extending CP50 by 1800m and additional aspirational route crossing Swallow Hotel circle	To include recently constructed path identified as aspirational in the Core Path Plan
2	CP77	Double Tree Hotel and Kingsway path reducing CP77 by 400m and realigning	To avoid dangerous crossing of Kingsway and impassable section of route
3	CP43	Coupar Angus Road path extending CP43 by 900m	To include recently improved path
4	CP10	Gillburn Road path extending CP10 by 270m	To include path requested during LDP Main Issues consultation
5	CP2c	Kirk St to Wellbank Lane route realign and extend CP2c by 600m	To include recently improved path
6	CP41	Ninewells to Mariner Dr path realign and reduce CP41 by 130m	To include recently constructed path
7	None	Riverside Nature Park amend plan to remove 970m of routes identified as aspirational in the Core Path Plan.	To remove routes that do not meet Core Path criteria. The paths are local paths around the park, not Core Paths connecting communities and facilities. Aspirational routes do not have legal protection.
8	CP52	Dudhope Park realign CP52 extending by 160m	To include recently signed path
9	CP17	Trottick Ponds realign CP17 reducing by 50m	To correct mistake in Core Path and include recently constructed path identified as aspirational in Core Path Plan
10	CP1d/f	Green Circular through Waterfront realigning CP1 reducing by 20m	To include recently constructed path
11	New CP84	Whalers Lane addition of 290m Core Path	To include recently constructed path
12	CP66	Dundee Railway Station realign and extend CP66 by 350m	To include recently constructed path
13	CP65	Seabraes Bridge and Magdalen Green extending CP65 by 331m	To include recently constructed path and bridge identified as aspirational in Core Path Plan
14	New CP85	Lothian Crescent addition of 1216m Core Path	To include recently constructed path identified as aspirational in Core Path Plan
15	CP53	Drumgeith Rd path extending CP53 by 1875m including routes identified as aspiration in the Core Path Plan	To include recently improved paths and associated links to other Core Paths
16	CP37	Drumsturdy Rd remove 468m of Core Path	To remove dangerous route which uses busy road with no footway. Route does not meet criteria
17	CP23	Linlathen Farm track extend Core Path by 650m of route identified as aspirational in the Core Path Plan	To include recently improved path
18	New CP86	Edzell Street additional of 57m Core Path	To include path identified through Local Outdoor Access Forum survey

