

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 2016

ANGUS COUNCIL CORE PATHS PLAN – MINOR AMENDMENTS

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE

ABSTRACT

This report seeks authority to make a number of minor amendments to the Angus Council Core Paths Plan.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees to make five changes to the Angus Council Core Paths Plan, as outlined in this report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit.
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed
- Our carbon footprint is reduced

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Angus Council Core Paths Plan was adopted on 23 November 2010 (report No. 855/10 refers). A number of minor changes to the alignment of paths were subsequently made to improve the accuracy of the mapping (report No 167/12 refers).

3.2 Five further changes to the alignment of core paths are now proposed, as a result of discussions with the owners of the paths.

3.3 Section 20(2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 enables the Council to either remove a core path from the Plan or divert the line of a core path following a review. In doing so the Council should have regard to the effect the amendment would have on the exercise of access rights and the management of land.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 The alignment of five core paths has been reviewed as a result of changes to land management or requests from land managers. Details of the proposed changes are outlined in Appendix 1. Maps of the proposed changes are available for inspection in the Members' Information Hub.

4.2 All of the proposed changes involve diversions to the line of a core path and will not have any adverse effect on the exercise of access rights. The changes have all been identified through discussions with the owners of the land in question and they will have no adverse effect on land management.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendation contained in this report.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Under section 20(2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 the Council has no obligation to consult over proposals to divert core paths.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding the above, Angus Local Access Forum was consulted over the proposed change to core path 039. The Forum considered the matter at its meeting on 13th June 2016 and was of the view that the diversion was appropriate.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices: Appendix 1 – proposed changes