

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 18 NOVEMBER 2014**

**CARNOUSTIE PATH NETWORK**

**REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks the Committee's authority to undertake signposting and path improvements to form the Carnoustie Path Network.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) agrees to proceed with signposting of paths around Carnoustie and path improvements at the north west end of Carnoustie at an estimated cost of £19,000.

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

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner
- Our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

**3. BACKGROUND**

A key element of the Angus Countryside Access Strategy is the establishment of signposted path networks around each of the burghs. Carnoustie and Montrose are the last two remaining burghs without a path network. The Montrose path network is due for completion in spring 2015. The first phase of the Carnoustie Path Network was completed in 2012 (report 675/11 refers).

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The phase 1 proposals initially included upgrade of tracks to the north and west of Shanwell Cemetery. Landowner agreement for these works was not forthcoming, and the improvements were therefore restricted to paths between the high school and Pitskelly Park. The remaining tracks are however still suitable for inclusion in a rural path network which includes paths of varying standards.
- 4.2 It was envisaged that a second phase of path works would include path development in the area between Panbride, Muirdrum and the High School. The cost of a path link between Panbride and Muirdrum alone is however expected to cost in excess of £100,000, and cannot be justified at the current time.
- 4.3 Carnoustie has however benefited from significant investment in development of the coastal path over recent years, as well as improvements to the Craigmill Den path.

4.4 There is a good network of existing paths around Carnoustie, most of which are designated as core paths in the Angus Council Core Paths Plan. These can be signposted to establish the Carnoustie Path Network.

## 5. PROPOSALS

5.1 It is proposed that existing off-road paths and roadside footways will be signposted to form a network of linked paths. A map of the proposed network is contained in Appendix 1.

5.2 Some unresolved drainage issues have been identified on paths between the High School and Pitskelly Park, affecting approximately 250 metres of path. It is proposed that these sections should be upgraded to provide a more sustainable walking surface.

5.3 These works will be procured by the Head of Technical and Property Services, under delegated authority.

5.4 In addition to the above works a promotional map leaflet will be produced.

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The estimated cost of the works is £19,000.

6.2 This can be met from the allocation for Carnoustie Path Network within the Communities, Planning and Place Financial Plan 2013/18.

6.3 It is proposed that the works be phased over the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 as follows:-

2014/15	£ 2,000
2015/16	£17,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,000</b>

6.4 There are no additional revenue budget implications arising from the proposed path improvements as the paths in question are already maintained by Communities, Parks and Burial Grounds.

6.5 The revenue implications of maintaining the proposed signage are minimal, and will be contained within the Communities, Planning and Place Revenue budget in future years.

**NOTE:** The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 675/11, Angus Council, Infrastructure Services Committee

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**List of Appendices:** Appendix 1 : Map of the proposed path network

Proposed Carnoustie Path Network

This appendix contains a map showing the existing off road paths and roadside footways which will be signposted to form the Carnoustie Path Network.

