

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 JANUARY 2020

MONIFIETH – BROUGHTY FERRY ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT

ABSTRACT

This report outlines progress with proposals for active travel improvements to the coastal path in Monifieth and Broughty Ferry.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Angus Active Travel Strategy was approved in November 2016 (reference Report No. 401/16). The strategy recognises the importance of improving active travel infrastructure to enable people to walk and cycle more often.
- 1.2 'Places for Everyone', formerly known as Community Links Programme is a grant scheme, funded by Transport Scotland and managed on their behalf by Sustrans. Places for Everyone is designed to provide local authorities with funding for the creation of infrastructure that makes it easier for people to walk and cycle for everyday journeys.
- 1.3 Angus Council received Places for Everyone funding in 2018/19 to investigate the feasibility of improvements to the coastal path between Marine Drive, Monifieth and Balmossie. This path is part of National Cycle Route 1. The study considered options for widening the overall route, including replacement of the existing narrow bridge over the Dighty Water.
- 1.4 This work took place in parallel with a study by Dundee City Council to investigate improving the coastal path from Broughty Ferry to Balmossie.
- 1.5 The 2018/19 feasibility work led by Dundee City Council included a range of activities to engage local people. The main focus of the engagement was the project website <https://broughtyferryactivetravel.com/>, which was extended to take in Monifieth.
- 1.6 The current phase of the project includes further public engagement within both communities to inform priorities and preferred options for the detailed designs. Indicative plans are available for comment on the above website.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 Angus Council and Dundee City Council are working together to develop detailed design proposals for the coastal path. The project will also consider opportunities for improved access to Monifieth and Broughty Ferry from the coastal path.
- 2.2 Dundee City Council has successfully secured 100% funding from Sustrans Places for Everyone to develop the designs for across the Council boundary. It has been agreed that design and project management services for the scheme will be led by Dundee City Council officers, who will provide Angus Council officers with updates on a monthly basis and at key milestones. Project management fees are being funded by Places for Everyone.
- 2.3 Sustrans require a formal governance structure to oversee Places for Everyone projects. The Service Leader – Roads & Transportation will act as 'Project Champion' for the project on behalf of Angus Council. A meeting of the full project team from Dundee City and Angus Councils, Sustrans and consultants was held on 13 December 2019 to review the current and future steps to be taken.

- 2.4 Stage 3 Design development is planned for completion by end of April 2020. An application will then be made in May 2020 for further funding from Places for Everyone to Stage 4 Technical Design and then on to tender in financial year 2020/21. This application will also identify the match funding requirement from the local authorities, which will be subject to a further committee reporting. The Stage 5 Construction phase will be staggered from 2021 onwards.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications from the current phase of the project, which is 100% funded from Places for Everyone. Future stages that will require match funding commitments will be subject to further reporting to committee.

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 No. 401/16 – Active Travel Strategy, Communities Committee - 15 November, 2016

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