

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2021**

**ROAD SAFETY FRAMEWORK TO 2030 UPDATE**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report provides an update on the work of the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group and seeks confirmation of the revised remit of the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees that the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group in reviewing associated policies, plans and strategies shall include a review of Bus Transport, as detailed in this report;
- (ii) agrees that the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group in reviewing associated policies, plans and strategies shall include a review of Winter Service, as detailed in this report; and
- (iii) notes the proposed Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group action plan for 2021/22.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/COUNCIL PLAN**

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

**ECONOMY**

- An inclusive and sustainable economy

**PLACE**

- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment
- A reduced carbon footprint
- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Reference is made to Article 5 of the minute of the Communities Committee on 28 May 2019, which approved the formation of a Member/Officer Working Group (MOWG) to inform the development of the new Road Safety Plan (Report No. 167/19). Further reference is made to Article 9 of the minute of the Communities Committee on 24 September 2019, which approved the revised remit of the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group to review associated policies, plans and strategies (Report No. 321/19). Final reference is made to Article 6 of the minute of the Communities Committee on 24 November 2020, which approved the revised remit of the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group to include Active and Sustainable Travel (Report No. 285/20).

- 3.2 The MOWG's primary role is 'to develop a new Road Safety Plan for Angus, which would take cognisance of the new national road casualty reduction targets and identify and prioritise action points to be taken forward to assist with achieving the reduction targets to 2030.
- 3.3 The report from Scottish Government on the consultation on Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030, which closed on 1 December 2020 is anticipated by the end of February 2021. This report is understood to include details of the Road Safety Delivery Plans, which will be required from each road authority, as well as details of new regional governance and funding arrangements for road safety actions to be included in the Delivery Plans.
- 3.4 A report on the consultation for revisions to The Highway Code, which closed on 27 October 2020 is also anticipated.

#### **4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 At the meeting of the Road Safety MOWG on 2 December 2020, a proposal was discussed to include Bus Transport within the remit of the MOWG given the close association with providing safe, affordable and sustainable travel in Angus.
- 4.2 At the meeting of the Communities Committee on 19 January 2021, a briefing for all elected members was agreed to provide an overview of Bus Transport in Angus. At the time of writing this report the briefing was being arranged
- 4.3 At the meeting of the Road Safety MOWG on 20 January 2021, a proposal to include a review of Bus Transport as an action of the MOWG was further discussed.
- 4.4 At the meeting of the Road Safety MOWG on 20 January 2021, a proposal to include a review of the Winter Service (reference Report No. 199/20) was discussed. This was considered particularly relevant during winter 20/21 when the demand for local footway treatment during COVID travel restrictions has been exceptional. It is also noted that the provision of active travel during winter should be considered in the Winter Service Policy.
- 4.5 A separate report on the Active Travel Strategy and Spaces for People interventions and pipeline of active travel projects, which fall under the remit of the Road Safety MOWG is presented to this Committee (reference Report No 43/21.).

#### **5. PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the committee agrees that the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group in reviewing associated policies, plans and strategies shall include Bus Transport and Winter Service as detailed in the scopes included in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively. Details of the scopes and progress of the reviews of Bus Transport and Winter Service will be reported to future appropriate committees.
- 5.2 The reviews of Bus Transport and Winter Service, along with other priorities of the MOWG are shown in the proposed Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group action plan for 2021/22 in **Appendix 1**. Updates on the delivery and development of the action plan will be reported to future committees at key milestones and as approvals are required.

#### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 6.2 There may be financial implications for the development of the delivery plans and actions from Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030, which will be reported to committee as required.
- 6.3 There may also financial implications from the reviews of Bus Transport and Winter Service, which will be reported to committee as required.

**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. 285/20 - Road Safety Framework to 2030 – Update, Communities Committee 24 November 2020.

Report No. 199/20 – Winter Service Policy and Provision for 2020/21, Communities Committee 18 August 2020.

Report No. 321/19 - Roads Safety Plan to 2020 – Update, Communities Committee 24 September 2019.

Report No. 167/19 – Roads Safety Plan to 2020 – Update, Communities Committee 28 May 2019.

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**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Proposed Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group action plan for 2021/22

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2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		

**Road Safety Framework to 2030**

	2020/21	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24	Remarks
Road Safety Delivery Plan	Guidance	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Approval			Guidance due soon from Transport Scotland.
Speed Management Plan				Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Approval			Guidance due soon from Transport Scotland. This Plan will deliver the new Speed Limit Policy.
20mph Speed Limits	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Review	Approval	Complete					Funded and delivered through Spaces for People and TTROs for 18 months 'trial', which will inform Speed Management Plan.
Vehicle Activated Signage	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Review	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Review	Review	Funded and delivered through Road Safety budget, which will inform Speed Management Plan.
School Exclusion Zones	Approval	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Review	Approval	Complete			3 site trial for approval on 23 February 2021. Maximum 18 months then removed or made permanent.

## Parking

Pavement Parking Ban									Part of Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.
- Guidance & Ministerial Direction	Guidance								Guidance & Ministerial Direction due May 2021.
- Assessments	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete					Funding announcement imminent.
- Implementation				Approval	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Funding and timing to be confirmed.
- Enforcement commencement								Start	Timing to be confirmed.
Parking Policy Review					Start	Complete	Approval		Integrate with above Pavement Parking Ban assessment.

## Active & Sustainable Travel

Active & Sustainable Travel Strategy & Action Plan	Approval								Approval sought on 23 February 2021.
Regional EV Strategy & Action Plan			Review						This is directing and attracting regional bids and priorities for local bids.

**Pipeline of Active**

**Travel Projects**

SUSTRANS Places for Everyone

As reported on 23 February 2021.

- Arbroath: A Place for Everyone	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Funding secured and approved.
- Broughty Ferry to Monifieth Active Travel Project	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Funding secured.
- Spaces for People (see above)	Complete											Funding secured.
- Arbroath to Friockheim												Expression of interest submitted. Response imminent.
Sustrans Strategic Partnership for Senior Projects Officer		Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Funding secured.
Brechin to Montrose												Funding opportunities to be sought.
CWSR												Cycling Walking Safer Routes is multi-year Transport Scotland fund.
- 2020/21	Complete											
- 2021/22		Approval	Start	Ongoing	Complete							
- 2022/23						Approval	Start	Ongoing	Complete			
- 2023/24										Repeat		

Regional Active Travel Development Fund								Stemmed from European Fund so future of funding TBC.	
- Sidlaws Path Network	Complete							Funding secured for Stage 0-1 Study. Funding for Stage 2+ to be sought.	
- Arbroath to Marywell	Ongoing	Complete						Funding secured for Study.	
- Carnoustie House Grounds	Ongoing	Complete						Funding secured for shared use path.	
Smarter Choices Smarter Places								Funding secured. Future annual funding likely.	
- 2020/21	Complete							Split funding over several schemes.	
- 2021/22	Bid	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete				
- 2022/23				Approval	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing		Complete
- 2023/24							Repeat		
Switched on Towns and Cities									Funding secured. Future funding rounds likely.
Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge	Complete							Funding secured. Future funding rounds likely.	
Local Authority Installation Programme	Ongoing							Funding secured. Future funding rounds likely.	
<b>Reviews/Consultations</b>									
Bus (Public) Transport Review	Approval	Start	Ongoing	Report				Approval sought on 23 February 2021.	
Winter Service Review	Approval	Start	Ongoing	Report				Approval sought on 23 February 2021.	
Regional Transport Strategy	Guidance	Start	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Complete	Approval	Through TACTRAN Board.