

**South Ayrshire Council**

**Report by Director - Place  
to Leadership Panel  
on 18 September 2018**

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**Subject:      Footway Improvement Plan 2018-19**

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**1.      Purpose**

- 1.1      The purpose of this report is to seek Leadership Panel approval for the Footway Improvement Plan to be introduced in addition to the current Road Improvement Plan for 2018/19.

**2.      Recommendation**

**2.1      It is recommended that the Panel:**

**2.1.1      approves the Footway Improvement Plan for 2018/19 as contained in [Appendix 1](#); and**

**2.1.2      otherwise notes the content of this report.**

**3.      Background**

- 3.1      At its meeting on 1 March 2018, the Council approved capital allocations for the Road Improvement Plan.

- 3.2      At its meeting on 24 April 2018, the Council approved the Road Improvement Plan for 2018/19, and requested that the Ayrshire Roads Alliance prepares a detailed programme of work for Footway Improvement.

- 3.3      The condition of the footway network will continue to be reviewed annually as part of the process of compiling future year programmes using the scheme ranking system as approved by the Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee at its meeting on 24 October 2014, and then further revised at the meeting on 10 November 2017. This approach ensures that the programme of works is developed to provide the maximum benefit to the whole Council area.

- 3.4      The scheme ranking system takes into account footway condition, safety issues, strategic and prestige walking zones, stakeholder feedback and cost. The forward programme of work will be reviewed and re-prioritised, with updated programmes of works brought forward for approval on an annual basis to Leadership Panel.

- 3.5      The transport infrastructure is one of the most valuable Council assets and it is vital to the economic well-being and development of South Ayrshire. The infrastructure contributes to the local economy and regeneration.

- 3.6 The estimated costs against the individual footway schemes which appear in the programme of works are based on the nominal lengths and current market rates.
- 3.7 The schemes identified in the programme of works in [Appendix 1](#) meet the criteria for inclusion in the footway programme. It is noted that weather conditions contribute to deteriorating footway conditions, and works carried out by statutory undertakers including Scottish Water, Scottish Gas, Scottish Power, Virgin Media etc may result in amendments being required to the programme. Accordingly, it may be necessary to re-prioritise the named schemes and include other relevant schemes dependent on the current footway conditions.

#### **4. Proposals**

- 4.1 The Footway Improvement Plan for 2018/19 is detailed in [Appendix 1](#). The schemes will be programmed over autumn and early spring 2019. Full engagement has been carried out in accordance with the protocol for engagement on Ayrshire Roads Alliance projects as detailed in the report to Leadership Panel on 29 November 2016.
- 4.2 It should be noted that this programme has been prepared in advance of full consultation with statutory undertakers which may lead to unavoidable delays in delivering the programme to the timescale stated above. The term statutory undertakers refers to any company or agency that has a legal right to carry out works within the boundary of the public road. This includes amongst others telecommunication companies, power and water supply companies.
- 4.3 Programmes will be subject to change over the course of time.

#### **5 Legal and Procurement Implications**

- 5.1 By virtue of the relevant statutory provisions, principally detailed within the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Council as local roads authority is required to manage and maintain all publicly adopted roads within its area other than those which are maintained and managed by the Scottish Ministers. This duty includes the maintenance of all relevant drainage systems.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications: all works will be carried out in-house or under the Minor Works Framework Contract.

#### **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The Footway Improvement Plan for 2018/19, detailed in [Appendix 1](#), will be funded from the Roads Capital, Timber Transport and Revenue budget allocations. Progress will continue to be reported to the Ayrshire Shared Service Joint Services Committee.

#### **7 Human Resource Implications**

- 7.1 This work will have no direct impact on human resources.

#### **8 Risk**

##### **8.1 Risk Implications of Adopting Recommendations**

- 8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

## **8.2 Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations**

8.2.1 A delay in the delivery of the footway programme will expose the Council to potential risks with regards to the deteriorating condition of the footway and may result in increased insurance claims.

## **9. Equalities**

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equalities Impact Assessment Scoping process, and there are no significant positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations, therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 2](#).

## **10. Sustainable Environmental Assessment**

10.1 The proposals in this report do not represent a qualifying plan, programme, policy or strategy for consideration for SEA. There exists therefore no obligation to contact the Scottish Government Gateway and no further action is necessary. An SEA has not been undertaken.

## **11. Options Appraisal**

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

## **12. Link to Council Plan**

12.1 This proposal links to the Strategic Objective of an 'Enhanced Environment through Social, Cultural and Economic Activities', by working with our partners to improve our roads and other infrastructure, to encourage house building and business investment that sustains local communities.

## **13. Results of Consultation**

13.1 Engagement arrangements for these projects will align with the report submitted to Leadership Panel on 29 November 2016.

13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Ian Cochrane, Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and the Environment, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

## **14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes**

14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Director – Place will take all necessary steps to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<b><i>Implementation</i></b>	<b><i>Due Date</i></b>	<b><i>Managed by</i></b>
Implementation of Footway Improvement Plan	Immediate	Head of Roads, Ayrshire Roads Alliance

**Background Papers**    Report to Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee of 24 October 2014 - Condition of Road Network

Report to Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee of 10 November 2017 - [WDM Update](#) (page 53, item 5)

South Ayrshire Council - [Minutes of Meeting on 1 March 2018](#)

Report to Leadership Panel of 24 April 2018 – [Road Improvement Plan 2018/19](#)

Leadership Panel – [Minutes of Meeting on 24 April 2018](#) (page 3, item 9)

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**Date:** 10 September 2018

		<b>SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</b>			
		<b>ROADS MAINTENANCE SERVICES</b>			
		<b>FOOTWAY PROGRAMME 2018 - 2019</b>			
<b>Route No</b>	<b>TOWN</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST 2018</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
A759	By LOANS	Loans/Dundonald	1	£17,800	Princess Gate North (Newest Estate) F/way falling into field
A759	By LOANS	Loans/Dundonald	1	£48,300	Opp Mayfield Cottage to Collenan North
Uncl	PRESTWICK	Adamton Terrace	2	£18,000	Whole Street
Uncl	MOSSBLOWN	Barweys Drive	6	£7,500	From No1 to 9
Uncl	PRESTWICK	Lilybank Road	2	£18,400	Full southside, part north side James St to Bellrock
Uncl	TARBOLTON	Smithfield Crescent	6	£17,500	Full length Evens nos
A70	AYR	Burns Statue Square	5	£24,000	Part
A70	AYR	Parkhouse Street	5	£22,500	various areas
Uncl	AYR	Cairn Crescent	4	£96,900	Full length both sides
Uncl	MAYBOLE	Ashgrove Avenue	7	£101,000	Both sides various locations
B7035	GIRVAN	Coalpots Road	8	£44,370	From Rowan Road to Roundabout
Uncl	BALLANTRAE	Shore Road	8	£20,900	South side
U66	BARR	Glenginnet Road	8	£27,150	Various
				<b>£464,320</b>	



# **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**Footway Improvement Plan**

**16 August 2018**

**South Ayrshire Council Equalities Scoping Template**

**1. Policy details**

Policy Title <b>Footway Improvement Plan</b>	Lead Officer <b>Stewart Turner</b>
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**2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts**

Community, Groups of People or Themes	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
The whole community of South Ayrshire	No	Yes
People from different racial groups, ethnic or national origin.	No	Yes
Women and/or men (boys and girls)	No	Yes
People with disabilities	No	Yes
People from particular age groups for example Older people, children and young people	No	Yes
Lesbian, gay, bisexual and heterosexual people	No	Yes
People who are proposing to undergo, are undergoing or have undergone a process to change sex	No	Yes
Pregnant women and new mothers	No	Yes
People who are married or in a civil partnership	No	Yes
People who share a particular religion or belief	No	Yes
Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights, Rurality and Deprivation.	No	Yes

**3. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:**

General Duty and other Equality Themes	Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (high, medium or low)
Eliminate discrimination and harassment faced by particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Promote equality of opportunity between particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Foster good relations between particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Promote positive attitudes towards different communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life	No adverse impact identified. Low
Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low
Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups	No adverse impact identified. Low

**4. Summary Assessment**

<b>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?</b> (A full EIA must be carried out on all high and medium impact policies)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rationale for decision:</b> This work does not directly impact on service delivery. If future work leads to amendments in policy then the need for a full Equality Impact Assessment will considered.			
Signed : .....Stewart Turner.....Head of Service			
Date: 16 August 2018		Copy to <a href="mailto:equalities@south-ayrshire.gov.uk">equalities@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</a>	