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A Meeting of the **Environment and Infrastructure Committee** will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, 19 August 2020 at 09:30**.

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KAREN REID
Chief Executive

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Members:

Councillor Angus Forbes (Convener) Councillor Colin Stewart
Councillor Kathleen Baird (Vice-Convener) Councillor Mike Williamson
Councillor Alasdair Bailey
Councillor Michael Barnacle
Councillor Stewart Donaldson
Councillor John Duff
Councillor Tom Gray
Councillor Anne Jarvis
Councillor Grant Laing
Councillor Roz McCall
Councillor Andrew Parrott
Councillor Crawford Reid
Councillor Willie Robertson

Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

AGENDA

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- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
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ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on 22 January 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, K Baird, M Barnacle, S Donaldson, J Duff, T Gray (substituting for D Doogan), A Jarvis (from Art. 23), G Laing, R McCall, X McDade (from Art. 20 (substituting for A Bailey)), A Parrott, C Purves (substituting for C Stewart), C Reid, W Robertson and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); M Butterworth, A Clegg, S D'All, H Hope, C Haggart, and J Pritchard (all Housing and Environment); A Graham, P Marshall, L McLean, C Flynn and K Molley (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: S Rimmer and G Sharkey (North Inch and Muirton Community Council).

Apologies: Councillors A Bailey and D Doogan.

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 15-19, 22-23 and 25-29 and the Vice-Convener led discussion on Arts. 20, 21 and 24.

15. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Forbes welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies and substitutions were noted as above.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of Councillors' Code of Conduct:

- (i) Councillor A Forbes declared a non- financial interest in Arts. 20 and 21.
- (ii) Councillor S Donaldson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 22.
- (iii) Councillor C Purves declared a non-financial interest in Art. 20.
- (iv) Councillor G Laing declared a non-financial interest in Art. 27.

17. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 72, the Committee agreed that Mr S Rimmer and Ms G Sharkey, Members of the North Inch and Muirton Community Council, be allowed to address the Committee in relation to Art. 23.

18. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 30 October 2019 (Arts. 533-555) was submitted and approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

19. EVENTS STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/06) (1) introducing the new Perth and Kinross Council Events Strategy and; (2) seeking the Committee's approval for its adoption.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 20/06, be noted.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Events Strategy as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 20/06, be approved.

20. EVENT FUNDING APPLICATION – PERTH FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/07) (1) outlining the funding application received from Perth Festival of the Arts to support the 2020 Festival and (2) recommending funding support, subject to the budget review process for both the 2020 and 2021 Festivals.

COUNCILLOR X MCDADE ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Resolved:

- (i) The performance in recent years of the Perth Festival of the Arts, be noted.
- (ii) £18,000 be awarded towards the 2020 Perth Festival of the Arts, subject to the 2020/21 budget review process.
- (iii) £25,000 be awarded towards the 2021 Perth Festival of the Arts to mark its 50th Anniversary year, subject to the 2021/22 budget review process.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) agreed to discuss with Perth Festival of the Arts a more commercial focus going forward for their event.

21. STREET LIGHTING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (20/08) seeking approval to extend the existing Street Lighting Partnership with Dundee City Council and Tayside Contracts, and to incorporate Angus Council into the Partnership Agreement for the shared service delivery of street lighting.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 20/08, be noted.
- (ii) The new Street Lighting Partnership to include Angus Council through a 3 year Partnering Agreement to 31 March 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/08, be approved.

22. PERTH LADE GREEN CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020-25

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/09) seeking approval for the Perth Lade Green Corridor Management Plan 2020-25.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 20/09, including the proposals outlined in paragraph 2.2 of Report 20/09, be approved.
- (ii) The Lade Management Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 20/09, be approved.

23. PERTH CITY CAR PARKING

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (20/10) (1) advising the Committee of the progress of an informal working group (consisting of elected members from the three Perth City wards and Council officers) investigating concerns about car parking in Perth city, particularly the residential and business areas surrounding the city centre; and (2) setting out the range of actions to address these concerns.

Mr S Rimmer and Ms G Sharkey addressed the Committee and answered questions from members before returning to the public gallery.

COUNCILLOR A JARVIS ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Motion (Councillors A Forbes and A Parrott)

- (i) Measures raised to address concerns in sections 2.8, 2.9 and Appendix 2 of Report 20/10, be agreed.
- (ii) Wider community consultation on proposals to introduce parking bays, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 20/10, be agreed.

Amendment (Councillors G Laing and M Williamson)

It be agreed, to trial the Perth City Car Parking project on a much smaller scale than outlined in report 20/10.

THERE WAS A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.20AM.

Councillor Laing, revised his amendment to agree to the recommendations contained in the report with the following proposals being added to the Motion:

- (iii) It be requested that Officers continually assess the range of actions outlined in report 20/10 over the 18-month period and report back to Committee after the first phase on the progress of this project.
- (iv) It be noted, that local-residents and members of the public will be given the opportunity to express their views on the Perth City Car Parking project throughout the extended consultation period.

Following advice from Officers and discussions with Councillors Laing and Williamson, Councillors Forbes and Parrott agreed to further amend their Motion.

Resolved:

- (i) **Measures raised to address concerns in sections 2.8, 2.9 and Appendix 2 of Report 20/10, be agreed.**
- (ii) **Wider community consultation on proposals to introduce parking areas, with the removal of private streets and those with double or single yellow lines, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 20/10, be agreed.**
- (iii) **It be noted that local residents and members of the public will be given the opportunity to express their views on the Perth City Car Parking project throughout the extended consultation period.**
- (iv) **It be requested that Officers continually assess the range of actions outlined in Report 20/10 over the 18-month period and report back to Committee after the first phase to determine future progress of this project.**

24. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/11) proposing a new approach to street naming and numbering.

Motion (Councillors K Baird and J Duff)

The proposed changes listed in report 20/11 to the street naming and numbering service to make it more customer focussed by creating a names bank to accelerate the process, be approved with the suggested amendment to Appendix 1 to Report 20/11:

In addition to the timescales, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/11, to add in, where necessary, a further 10 working days at the end of the process to give more time for consultation between local ward members and their residents.

Amendment (Councillors W Robertson and M Barnacle)

To reject the proposed changes to the street naming and numbering service, as detailed in Report 20/11, and retain the original policy.

THERE WAS A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.47AM.

In accordance with Standing Order 58, a roll call vote was taken.

13 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors K Baird, S Donaldson, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, A Jarvis, G Laing, R McCall, X McDade, A Parrott, C Purves, C Reid and M Williamson.

2 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors M Barnacle and W Robertson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

25. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GREEN ROUTES (WARDS 7, 8 & 9)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/12) (1) discussing the success of the previously introduced Green Routes in promoting agreed roads for use by more sustainable transport modes; and (2) recommending that additional routes be promoted as 'Green Routes' (Wards 7, 8 & 9).

Resolved

- (i) The proposed routes, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 20/12, be taken forward as an addition to the Green Routes projects to be implemented in financial year 2020/21.
- (ii) The start of the legal process to promote the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders to vary the speed limits, as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 20/12, be approved.

26. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, MAIN STREET, ABERNETHY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/13) requesting the creation of a Traffic Management Order to introduce waiting restrictions on Main Street and School Wynd, Abernethy (Ward 9) to address the problems experienced by residents due to indiscriminate parking.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting at Any Time waiting restrictions on Main Street and School Wynd, Abernethy, as described in Report 20/13, be approved.

27. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, BRIDGE STREET, DUNKELD

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/14) recommending a variation to the Dunkeld Traffic Management Order to vary the waiting restrictions on Bridge Street, Dunkeld (Ward 5) to introduce a disabled parking bay.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a disabled parking bay on Bridge Street, Dunkeld, as shown in Appendix 1 to report 20/14, be approved.

28. PROPOSED TAXI RANK CLEARWAY CHAPEL STREET, ABERFELDY (WARD 4) AND GLENEAGLES RAILWAY STATION, GLENEAGLES (WARD 7)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environment and Consumer Services (20/15) outlining the problems experienced at both Chapel Street, Aberfeldy and Gleneagles Railway Station; and (2) recommending a variation to the Taxi Rank Clearway Order to introduce a taxi rank on Chapel Street, Aberfeldy (Ward 4) and to

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allow the existing taxi rank to be enforced at Gleneagles Railway Station, Gleneagles (Ward 7).

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to introduce Taxi Rank Clearway restrictions on Chapel Street, Aberfeldy and at Gleneagles Railway Station, Gleneagles, as described in Appendix 1 and 2 to Report 20/15, be approved.

29. AMENDMENTS TO THE LISTS OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (20/16) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

Resolved:

The amendments to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/16, be approved.

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**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

**19 August 2020**

**Community Environment Challenge Fund Update**

**Report by Head of Environmental & Consumer Services (Report No. 20/132)**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to amend the “match funding” criteria with regard to making applications to the fund. In addition, the report provides an update on the award of Community Environment Challenge Funding to community groups between April 2019 and March 2020 (including the CEC Funding which was ring-fenced to use for the Solheim Cup Communities Fund in 2019/20).

**1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 The Community Environment Challenge Fund allows communities to bid for environmental improvement funding, which can link to conservation area appraisals and other regeneration initiatives.
- 1.2 The Fund is aimed at community groups leading and delivering projects, which would make a significant difference to their local environment and be widely supported within the community. Up to £100,000 of funding has been made available annually since 2011/12.
- 1.3 The Environment & Infrastructure Committee approved changes to the Community Environment Challenge Fund in May 2018 (Report No.18/176 refers). These were :
- (a) to enable an allocation of the funding to be available to assist community groups to leverage additional funding from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). The SLCF is a tax credit scheme, linked to Scottish Landfill Tax, that encourages landfill site operators to contribute tax credits to benefit community and environmental projects. Appendix 2 details 4 projects in Perth and Kinross who have leveraged a total of £100,439 of funding from the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund in 2019/20 and a further 6 projects which are pending, and – if awarded – would bring the total leveraged to £261,672.94.
  - (b) expand the Fund to include applications in relation to the improvement of sports pitches and sports ground pavilions. To support the Policy on Provision of Facilities for Outdoor Pitch Sports (Report No. 17/368 refers), clubs can apply to the Community Environment Challenge Fund for facility improvements to ensure that they are adequate for present and future needs. These facilities must be available for wider community use and events.

- 1.4 To apply for funding, groups must be constituted with the project supported by all local elected members in the relevant ward. It must also have the support of a range of local community groups, including for example the Community Council. The project must be completed within 2 years, using at least 50% match-funding from other sources. This may include fundraising activities and 'in-kind' contributions.
- 1.5 In order to maximise the number of groups and areas benefiting from the funding, each community group can currently only apply for funding for one project per financial year. To ensure the projects make a significant difference to the local environment, funding levels are set between £2,500 and £10,000 per project, although larger funding applications will be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.6 Additionally, it is the responsibility of the applicants to develop and adopt a long-term maintenance commitment for the environmental projects undertaken through the Fund.
- 1.7 £30,950 of Community Environment Challenge Funding was ring-fenced across 2018/19 and 2019/20 for the Solheim Cup Communities Fund. This was to enable community groups to implement sustainable physical environmental improvements within communities in celebration of the Solheim Cup being hosted in Perth and Kinross in September 2019. Appendix 3 details the 21 applicants who successfully applied to this Fund.
- 1.8 The CECF has supported 14 new projects in 2019/20 (detailed in Appendix 1), awarding match-funding totalling £94,049.13. The total cost of these 14 projects amounts to £675,818.56. There are already two applications awarded or pending award from the 2020/21 CECF budget.
- 1.9 Whilst the CECF has been successful in meeting its objectives, a number of recent applications have relied heavily on support in kind in terms of the applicants' time in planning and preparing for the project and maintaining the new asset thereafter. In a competitive funding environment, it is difficult to justify the funding of such projects unless more tangible match funding can also be demonstrated. This also prevents the Council being the sole cash contributor to the project.

## **2. PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 CECF grants require 50% match funding. This can be in terms of the applicant's own funds, grants or donations from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties and/or support in kind. Going forward, preference will be given to projects where the match funding in terms of grants, donations, or the applicant's own funds is the larger proportion compared to the in-kind contribution.
- 2.2 To address this and to clarify the requirement for public access the following additional criteria are proposed:

- in relation to the 50% match funding, preference will be given to projects which include a mix of funds raised from third parties, cash contributions and in-kind support. The in-kind support must relate to the project itself, rather than any other activities of the group, and make up less than 50% of the overall match funding
- to be considered for funding the project must be accessible to the public.

2.3 Guidance for applicants is provided on the website and will be updated in due course in line with the proposed revised criteria above.

### 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The CECF is continuing to fund the development of sustainable community-led environmental improvement projects through an accessible, stream-lined, effective assessment and approval process.

3.2 It is recommended that the Committee:

- notes the contents of this report and the appendices.
- approves the additional criteria proposed for 2020/21 as set out at section 2.2 of the report.

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#### Approved

| Name           | Designation                                  | Date          |
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| Barbara Renton | Executive Director (Housing and Environment) | 7 August 2020 |

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan                                      | Yes               |
| Corporate Plan                                      | Yes               |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | Yes               |
| Workforce                                           | None              |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | None              |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | Yes               |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | Yes               |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | Yes               |
| Legal and Governance                                | Yes               |
| Risk                                                | Yes               |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | Yes               |
| External                                            | Yes               |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | Yes               |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan

1.1 The proposals in this report relate to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- (ii) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (iii) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

#### Corporate Plan

1.2 The proposals relate to the achievement of the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities:

- (i) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (ii) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (iii) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

- 2.1 Up to £100,000 of funding has been available annually since 2011/12.
- 2.2 For the period 01 April 2019 – 31 March 2020, the CECF has awarded £94,049.13, including £30,950.87 allocated to the Solheim Cup Communities Fund across 2018/19 and 2019/20.

### Workforce

- 2.3 The proposals in this report have no workforce implications.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.4 The proposals aim to enhance public open space assets and/or potentially reduce the maintenance burden on the Council by working in partnership with community groups.

## **3. Assessments**

### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allow the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in the Community Environment Challenge Fund report were considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) and were assessed as relevant and the following positive outcomes are expected following implementation.
- 3.3 The criteria for the grant require the applicant to have consulted widely in the community and have community support for the project they are seeking funding for. An improved environment or facilities funded by the Grant should benefit most groups and the effect would therefore be positive. An annual review of the success of the grant aid programme will be undertaken including an assessment of equalities in relation to the funding awarded and any negative impacts will be addressed.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.4 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.

- 3.5 The proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.6 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Challenge Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.7 Prior to June 2013, there was no method of monitoring the impacts of the Community Environment Challenge Fund. It was therefore agreed in June 2013 that an End of Project Feedback Form is sent to each group that has received funding so that the impacts on the community and their local area can be recorded.
- 3.8 By working in partnership with the community to enhance and maintain the environmental quality in locally important areas, we are ensuring a sustainable approach is taken to the environment, community and economy.

#### Legal

- 3.9 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted on the content of the report.
- 3.10 Funding is only released when proof has been supplied that match funding has been secured. This proof could be in the form of a Letter of Support for Guaranteed Funding from Other Funder(s). Groups are asked to submit proof of requests of payments (i.e. copy of invoices) as soon as possible and payment of the grant is made on that basis before the invoice has been paid. The applicant is requested to also provide evidence of 'in kind contribution' and the grant is paid against proof of "in kind" expenditure up to the level of grant agreed.
- 3.11 An End of Project Monitoring Report is sent to each group that has received funding so that the positive impacts on the community and their local area can be recorded, shared and celebrated. Overall, the form will evaluate the outcomes of the project and confirm what work was carried out.

#### Risk

- 3.12 Risks associated with individual projects are identified and managed through the assessment process.



## 4. Consultation

### Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted on the content of the report.

### External

- 4.2 Before submitting the June 2013 Committee Report, the amended essential and desired criteria were consulted on with representatives from Take A Pride in Perthshire.

## 5. Communication

- 5.1 Below is a list of the communications which continue to be undertaken as part of implementing the proposals, including the key target audiences and the communication methods:

- PKC website & social media
- Leaflet
- YouTube film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wsYa-TtvfM#t=85>
- Regularly included in the ECS Community Planning Partnership's Monthly Funding Alert

- 5.2 Communities across Perth and Kinross including:

- Local groups
- Individuals
- Take A Pride in Perthshire & Kinross-shire
- In Bloom Committees
- Sports Clubs

## 2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to material extent in preparing the above Report:-

- Environment & Infrastructure Committee (Ref No. 18/176) – dated 23.05.18
- Environment, Enterprise & Infrastructure Committee (Ref No. 17/206) dated 14.06.17
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 16/239) – dated 01.06.16
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 15/240) – dated 03.06.15
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 14/250) – dated 04.06.14
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 13/271) – dated 05.06.13
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 11/446) – dated 07.09.11
- Environment Committee Report (Ref No. 19/136) – dated 15.05.19

### **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Projects approved by the CECF since April 2019
- 3.2. Appendix 2 – SLCF Projects in Perth & Kinross since April 2019
- 3.3. Appendix 3 – Projects funded through the Solheim Cup Communities Fund

**Projects supported by the CECF from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020**

| <b>Applicant</b>                                                 | <b>Project Brief</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Sum Requested</b> | <b>Grant Awarded</b> | <b>Financial Year</b> | <b>Other Notes</b>                                         |
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| <b>Alyth in Bloom</b><br><br><b>Ward 2 – Strathmore</b>          | <b>Alyth Planters</b><br>Alyth in Bloom intends to purchase, install and plant up five new large self-watering planters (1500x700x750mm in size) to create an impact in The Square, Alyth PH11 8AA. These will contain year-round colour and will complement and enhance the newly-regenerated Square.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | £2,684.50            | <b>£2,529.70</b>     | 2019/20               | Total Project Cost = £5,680.70<br><br>Project in progress  |
| <b>Ardoch in Bloom</b><br><br><b>Ward 7 – Strathallan</b>        | <b>Various Environmental Projects around Braco Village</b><br>Three mini-projects in Braco: making the entrance approach to the New Cemetery more attractive, planting 18 new trees on the perimeter of Lodge Park and clearance of approximately 5 old tree stumps/roots and planting of replacement trees in a grassed area at Gentlecroft.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | £6,003.70            | <b>£6,003.70</b>     | 2019/20               | Total Project Cost = £12,253.70<br><br>Project in progress |
| <b>Crieff Christmas Lights</b><br><br><b>Ward 6 – Strathearn</b> | <b>Stage 1: Replacement of incandescent light displays with LED light displays</b><br>The Crieff at Christmas Group currently uses incandescent Christmas Street Light Displays, which are decades old. Consequently, the Group intends to replace these inefficient and unreliable incandescent light displays with efficient, modern, low power LED light displays so as to reduce the town's carbon footprint and the energy consumed by the light displays, whilst simultaneously increasing the quality of the light displays. This would follow the trend of many other towns and cities who have switched to low power LED light displays. | £6,920.15            | <b>£6,920.15</b>     | 2019/20               | Total Project Cost = £14,198.15<br><br>Project completed   |

| Applicant                                                                       | Project Brief                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Sum Requested     | Grant Awarded                                                                              | Financial Year | Other Notes                                                             |
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| <p><b>Auchterarder Bloom Association</b></p> <p><b>Ward 7 – Strathallan</b></p> | <p><b>Garrie’s Corner</b><br/> Re-submitted application to cover shortfall in funding so project can be completed in time for the Solheim Cup in September 2019. Currently, Garrie’s Corner is a much neglected, grass covered mound, in an unsightly and underutilised state, even though it is overlooked by many local businesses and people driving through the town. The front of the site is cluttered with multiple service boxes, a large community noticeboard, a litter bin and street signage. Going forward, the Group intends to create a gently sloping path from one side of the site, and steps up to a seating area from the other side. Ground mounted uplighters will be set into the pathway and a new lamppost will be installed to make Garrie’s Corner visually appealing and usable at all times. Benches and stone wall seating plus new plant beds will be introduced. Also a 1.5 metre high decorative metal fence between the site and Lloyds Pharmacy will screen the wheelie bins and the concrete wall. The Group intends to make this site into an attractive and useful public green space, benefitting wildlife and informing people of the local heritage. Once rejuvenated, this site will offer Auchterarder’s elderly residents, as well as shoppers and pupils en-route to school and nursery, a chance to rest and take a break as they go to and from home.</p> | <p>£18,130.02</p> | <p>£10,000 awarded in 2018/19</p> <p>An additional <b>£8,130.02</b> awarded in 2019/20</p> | <p>2019/20</p> | <p>Revised Total Project Cost = £70,606.02</p> <p>Project completed</p> |
| <p><b>Tayside Biodiversity Partnership</b></p>                                  | <p><b>Crieff Swift Conservation Project</b><br/> Raising awareness of swifts across Crieff by hosting events in the local community and working with community groups to survey and map swift nest sites and hot-spots. This will generate a 'West Perthshire Dots on Map' for sharing with the British Trust for Ornithology and PKC's Planning Department to help create Swift Priority Zones to assist in the safeguarding of future populations of swifts. The Project will safeguard</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>£2,910.00</p>  | <p><b>£2,910.00</b></p>                                                                    | <p>2019/20</p> | <p>Total Project Cost = £5,760.00</p>                                   |

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| <b>Ward 6 – Strathearn</b>                                         | existing nest sites and erect new nest-boxes throughout the town in good areas for swifts; working with businesses, the Council, churches, schools and householders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |                   |                | Project in progress                                        |
| <b>Abernethy in Bloom</b><br><br><b>Ward 9 – Almond &amp; Earn</b> | <b>Abernethy Community Garden – Hatton Road</b><br>Transformation of the underused, grassed area adjacent to Hatton Road in Abernethy into a community garden. This garden will reflect the area's local heritage and environmental and natural history. It will incorporate landscaping, interpretation panels and a listening post to share Abernethy's rich historical past. The garden design is influenced by the results of the community survey and the Abernethy Museum and Abernethy Primary School pupils will be involved in the garden's development. The planting will increase habitats, encourage pollinator insects and boost biodiversity whilst the planned bird and bat boxes will further encourage wildlife to the site. The entire community will also be able to benefit from the herbs and edible plants grown on the site. | £10,000.00    | <b>£10,000.00</b> | 2019/20        | Total Project Cost = 84,952.91<br><br>Project in progress  |
| <b>John Muir Trust</b><br><br><b>Ward 4 – Highland</b>             | <b>Easy Access Path at Schiehallion</b><br>The John Muir Trust has identified that an easy access path at Schiehallion could be constructed to enable more people (including a new audience with varying walking levels and abilities) to explore and learn about this wild place. Therefore, the John Muir Trust is working with two other landowners - Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) and Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust (HPCLT) - to create a new easy access route which removes or minimises the current barriers for accessing the land. The route will travel from the Braes of Foss car park (nearest post code, PH16 5NN) and continue on to land at Dun Coillich (managed by the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust) before looping round to join the lower section of the existing core path (which                | £8,965.58     | <b>£8,965.58</b>  | 2019/20        | Total Project Cost = £84,853.58<br><br>Project in progress |

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|                                                                                        | goes up Schiehallion, owned by the John Muir Trust) back to the Braes of Foss car park (on land owned by Forestry and Land Scotland). This will form a circular route and the first section of this existing path will be resurfaced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |                |                |                                                                   |
| <p><b>Scottish Volleyball Association</b></p> <p><b>Ward 10 - Perth City South</b></p> | <p><b>SCA European Beach Volleyball Finals</b><br/> The Scottish Volleyball Association, <a href="http://www.scottishvolleyball.org">www.scottishvolleyball.org</a>, is intending to convert the unused bowling green at Darnhall Sports Pitch on Orchard Place in Perth (PH2 0HS) into a permanent beach volleyball facility with two permanent courts. There is currently no other inland beach volleyball venue like this in Scotland and no beach facility at all in Perth. Consequently, following the September 2019 European Small Countries Beach Volleyball Championships event being held at this venue in Perth on temporary courts, Perth Volleyball Club intends to create a permanent Beach Volleyball facility at the same site so that the Scottish Volleyball Association can use the permanent beach volleyball facility for future SCA European Beach Volleyball Finals. The ongoing and further development would mean that Perth would become a regular venue for the Scottish Tour and would build up to World-Level Events.</p> | £9,000.00     | <b>£9,000</b>  | 2019/20        | <p>Total Project Cost = £20,387.20</p> <p>Project in progress</p> |
| <p><b>Scone Village Association</b></p> <p><b>Ward 2 - Strathmore</b></p>              | <p><b>Resurfacing of Scone Ballcourt</b><br/> Scone Recreation Park is one of Perth &amp; Kinross Council's public parks and is the location of Scone Ball-court. The ball-court <a href="http://www.sconeballcourt.co.uk">www.sconeballcourt.co.uk</a> has been in constant use since July 2010, hosting both locals and ad-hoc teams in the summer months, older people participating in Walking Football and over 250 members of the Community Football Club who also train there during the winter months under floodlights when the grass pitches are unsuitable. The facility has proved to be a great asset for the community of Scone. Being in daily use by the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | £32,600.00    | <b>£10,000</b> | 2019/20        | <p>Total Project Cost = £35,600.00</p>                            |

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|                                                                                                  | community for leisure activities and with the existing surface having a playing life of 8 years, the 3G surface is showing severe signs of wear after 9 years of use. It is therefore in need of replacement so that users can continue to use the facility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |                  |                | Project in progress                                              |
| <p><b>Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust (HPCLT)</b></p> <p><b>Ward 4 – Highland</b></p> | <p><b>Enhancing Visitor Access and Experiences</b><br/> Dun Coillich, in Highland Perthshire, is 8 miles north west of Aberfeldy on the B846 Tummel Bridge road. The land is owned by the Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust (HPCLT) which was set up in 2002 following the purchase of this land on behalf of the community. In total, 418 hectares (1,100 acres) was purchased between Glen Goulandie and Schiehallion and this land is known as Dun Coillich – named after the hill at its centre. The Group aims to create an environment to benefit both wildlife and the well-being of Highland Perthshire residents and visitors, primarily through the re-establishment of native woodland. More than 230,000 trees have been planted and there is extensive natural tree regeneration. There is now increasing diversity of plants, fungi, birds, insects, spiders and mammals. The Group is now seeking to increase outreach to the community, going beyond their existing youth training and all-age volunteering project, so as to make Dun Coillich more inviting to visitors and increase the awareness of the Group’s work. They intend to install an all-weather noticeboard, leaflets, permanent weatherproof display maps showing the walking trails, improve walking trails and replace some existing steps with a sturdier set as well as promoting HPCLT more widely in the local community.</p> | £2,548.00     | <b>£2,548.00</b> | 2019/20        | <p>Total Project Cost = £5,923.00</p> <p>Project in progress</p> |
| <p><b>Comrie Community Council</b></p>                                                           | <p><b>Lednock Circular Walk - Shaky Bridge Project</b><br/> Shaky Bridge was designed and built in the late 1970s replacing an earlier structure. It crosses the River Lednock near Balmuick. This bridge is the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | £16,000.00    | <b>£10,000</b>   | 2019/20        | <p>Total Project Cost =</p>                                      |

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| <p><b>Ward 6 – Strathearn</b></p>                                | <p>only crossing of the River Lednock for several miles in each direction and is the only route to complete the popular Glen Lednock Circular Walk which is one of the most popular recreational routes in the Comrie area. Storm damage and the failure of one abutment in 2016 led the Council to close the bridge and then undertake temporary repairs at its own expense. Whilst this ensures the bridge remains stable in the short term, the repair only has an estimated life span of one year and it does not remove the medium to long term risk of the failure of the bridge. This project aims to replace the bridge abutment and repair the bridge so that it can continue to be used by the public. There is potential for further path improvements and visitor facilities subject to additional external funding being raised.</p>                                                                                                                                                  |                   |                                                                                               |                | <p>£34,400.00</p> <p>Project in progress</p>                              |
| <p><b>Pitlochry in Bloom</b></p> <p><b>Ward 4 – Highland</b></p> | <p><b>Pitlochry Wildlife Garden</b><br/> Re-submitted application to cover shortfall in funding<br/> The wildlife garden, on the corner of Perth Road (A924) and Bridge Road in Pitlochry, occupies a significant and visible site on the entrance road to Pitlochry. The Group is intending to update and enhance the garden to bring it back to life whilst incorporating new features that improve accessibility for all e.g. raised beds with paved areas and a mini boardwalk. The plans will attract a diverse range of plant and animal species into the garden and will incorporate information points for visitors to learn more about their surroundings. Overall, the garden will be designed to be environmentally sustainable and low maintenance to ensure “built in” longevity. New raised planting areas will be formed using stone gabions along the existing boundary wall and sectioned to provide seasonal colour and contrast. The pond will be refurbished, enlarged and</p> | <p>£17,281.25</p> | <p>£10,667.71 awarded in 2018/19</p> <p>An additional <b>£6,613.54</b> awarded in 2019/20</p> | <p>2019/20</p> | <p>Revised Total Project Cost = £37,462.91</p> <p>Project in Progress</p> |



| Applicant                                                    | Project Brief                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Sum Requested | Grant Awarded    | Financial Year | Other Notes                                                |
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|                                                              | moved forwards. It will incorporate open water and wetland habitat. This project will not only create a sanctuary for wildlife and biodiversity but will promote the history and biodiversity of the garden to the many visitors to the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |                  |                |                                                            |
| <b>Kinross in Bloom</b><br><br><b>Ward 8 – Kinross-shire</b> | <b>Renovation of the Crosswell Fountain</b><br>Renovation of the 19th Century Category C listed Crosswell Fountain on Kinross High Street. The almost-130-year-old fountain is used as a planter to create an attractive feature throughout the year. Historically, it brought fresh clean water to the town and is an integral part of Kinross' built heritage and, as such, merits conservation so that it can be preserved for future generations. The Bloom Group has already commissioned a report to assess the condition of the historic fountain and is now ready to recruit a specialist contractor to carry out recommended techniques to clean down the stonework, rake out the joints, re-embed stones which have been displaced by plant roots and replace the pointing using a traditional lime mortar. The restoration will complement the existing regeneration work on Kinross High Street and an interpretation board will be erected close to the fountain to explain its history and social importance. Going forward, future damage to the fountain's refurbished stonework will be prevented by ensuring that the floral displays are planted into containers and placed into the bottom basin of the fountain. | £6,493.44     | <b>£6,493.44</b> | 2019/20        | Total Project Cost = £19,740.39<br><br>Project in progress |
|                                                              | <b>Kinnoull Hill Improvements Project</b><br>Kinnoull Hill in Perth is a much-loved woodland park and is a major natural asset for the population of Perth and visitors alike. The hill contains an extensive network of paths and there are dramatic views out across the surrounding landscape. Tthe Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park Group (KHWPG) has been working with PKC's Community Greenspace Team on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |               | £10,000          |                |                                                            |

| Applicant                                                                          | Project Brief                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sum Requested | Grant Awarded                                                                    | Financial Year      | Other Notes                                                         |
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| <b>Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park Group</b><br><br><b>Ward 12 – Perth City Centre</b> | a Management Plan for the Woodland Park for 2019 to 2024. They are to create welcoming site entrances, to improve and standardise signage and furniture, to carry out footpath work to improve accessibility and to implement improvements in the vicinity of the Table near the cliff edge - including new paths to divert people away from the cliff edge. The proposals are designed to cater for everyone who uses Kinnoull Hill including addressing key concerns regarding suicide prevention. The Group is seeking CEC Funding to contribute towards the cost of the tree and shrub removal, signage and to lever in the EBs (funding from the Scottish Landfill Tax) totalling £20,000 - which will be used to create welcoming entrance features to make the woodland park more accessible to visitors to the area and the wider community encompassing a range of age groups. | £10,000       | <b>£3,935</b> from the 2019/20 budget and <b>£6,065</b> from the 2020/21 budget. | 2019/20 and 2020/21 | Total Project Cost = 244,000<br><br>Project in progress             |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               | <b>2019/20 TOTAL = £94,049.13</b>                                                |                     | <b>Total Project cost of all the 2019/20 projects = £675,818.56</b> |

## Appendix 2

## Perth &amp; Kinross Projects supported by the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund from 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020

| Timeframe                  | Project                            | Project Details                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Amount Awarded |
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| April 2019 –<br>March 2020 | Cateran Trail Upgrade Glenshee     | This application sought funding to improve drainage on the Trail as it crosses Dirnanean Estate near to Glenshee to ensure it stays accessible to the public.<br><b>Project underway</b>                          | £15,775        |
| April 2019 –<br>March 2020 | The Hosh Path Upgrade              | Upgrade a key section of core path CRIE/16, known as 'the Hosh', between Culcrieff and the Action Glen activity centre.<br><b>Project complete</b>                                                                | £24,664        |
| April 2019 –<br>March 2020 | Kinnoull Hill Improvements Project | The project sets out to enhance user access to and experience within the popular Woodland Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve Access to/from Kinnoull Hill to/from the city centre,</li> </ul> | £20,000        |

| Timeframe | Project | Project Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Amount Awarded |
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|           |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To upgrade park entrances to make them both welcoming and inviting</li> <li>○ Improve path links at key locations</li> <li>○ Implement a signage strategy to aid orientation across the site</li> <li>○ Maintain extensive views across the wider landscape</li> <li>○ Design improvements to the summit</li> <li>○ Replace outdated furniture and signage</li> </ul> <p><b>Awarded January 2020</b></p> |                |

| Timeframe                  | Project                           | Project Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Amount Awarded                                       |
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| April 2019 –<br>March 2020 | Wallace Park                      | The project aims to improve the facilities within the park to encourage the local community to exercise and socialise in the open air. Consideration has been given to access for the disabled – a hard surface for access to all parts, wheelchair accessible play equipment.<br><b>Awarded January 2020</b> | £40,000                                              |
|                            |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Total Awarded to-date = £100,439</b>              |
|                            | Blairgowrie & Rattray Gail Guides |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            | Blairgowrie in Bloom              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            | Crieff Hydro Paths                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            | Kinnloch Rannoch Riverside Walk   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            | Shaky Bridge Comrie               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            | Locus Centre                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pending                                              |
|                            |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Grand Total (of the 9 Projects) = £261,672.94</b> |



## Appendix 3

## Projects Awarded Solheim Cup Communities Funding

Funding allocated for community groups to implement sustainable physical environmental improvements within their community in celebration of the Solheim Cup being hosted in Perth and Kinross in September 2019.

| Timeframe     | Project                                                                        | Amount Awarded            |
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| From 10.7.19  | Pitlochry in Bloom                                                             | £1,600.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Alyth Golf Club                                                                | £800.00                   |
| From 10.7.19  | P&K Health & Social Care Partnership                                           | £1,071.90                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Abernethy in Bloom                                                             | £1,115.10                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Strathmore Golf Club                                                           | £2,500.00                 |
| From 11.7.19  | Auchterarder Bloom Association                                                 | £1,250.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Auchterarder & District Community Council                                      | £1,200.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Perth Ladies Golf Club                                                         | £1,250.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | PKAVS Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub                                            | £1,165.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | North Inch Golfers Group                                                       | £1,250.00                 |
| From 10.7.19  | Elder Voice                                                                    | £1,250.00                 |
| From 1.8.19   | Active Schools at Live Active Leisure Ltd, Crieff & St Dominics                | £1,250.00                 |
| From 15.7.19  | Aberfeldy Community Putting Green                                              | £200.00                   |
| From 08.08.19 | Muckhart Golf Club                                                             | £2,495.00                 |
| From 08.08.19 | Perth Six Circle Project                                                       | £1,792.00                 |
| From 08.08.19 | Dunning Golf Club                                                              | £1,290.00                 |
| From 08.08.19 | Muthill in Bloom                                                               | £100.00                   |
| From 05.09.19 | Blair Atholl Golf Club (Kay Fleming)                                           | £490.00                   |
| From 30.09.19 | Aberfeldy Golf Club                                                            | £831.87                   |
| From 08.10.19 | Sue Rodgers                                                                    | £50.00                    |
| From 04.11.19 | Bedlam Promotions Transfer from Events (original ref refs 41315462 & 41315732) | £8,000.00                 |
|               |                                                                                | <b>Total = £30,950.87</b> |





**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

**19 August 2020**

**Policy and Level of Service for Winter 2020/2021**

**Report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (Report No. 20/133)**

This report recommends the level of service to be approved by the Council for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the winter of 2020 / 2021 using plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services. *As before, changes to the previous year's report are highlighted in italics.*

**1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES**

- 1.1 Within Perth and Kinross, there is a variety of arrangements for the Winter Service on Public Roads. Around 910km of the Council's 2,500km road network is designated as having a high priority for winter service. These priority routes receive precautionary treatment that aims to keep them generally ice-free, although this can never be guaranteed.
- 1.2 The Council also provides a high level of service on priority footways in busy urban areas. Lower levels of treatment are provided on the remainder of the carriageway and footway network, as and when required during normal working hours.
- 1.3 Some very low priority carriageways and footways are normally not treated unless hard packed snow or ice threatens to prevent access for essential services.
- 1.4 In periods of prolonged severe weather, resources are targeted towards keeping strategic roads and footways network open. As a result, it can be a considerable time, in some cases several days, before lower priority routes are reached. The availability of operatives also impacts on the level of cover that can be provided for footway treatment.
- 1.5 The Scottish Government is responsible for the winter service on the 250 km of trunk road network within Perth and Kinross covering the M90, A90, A9 and A85. This service is provided by the Operating Company - BEAR (Scotland) Ltd.
- 1.6 Experience of the recent winters has shown that the level of service is generally satisfactory, although severe snow and ice events such as experienced in 2017/18 do fully stretch the available resources.

*Winter season 2019/20 was milder and wetter than the average, around 2.0c above the seasonal norm. Operationally, there were more actions carried out*

*compared to both the previous winter and the seven year average. This is a result of the wet weather which requires more frequent re-treatments of the network due to the salt being washed off. Stand down of morning crews increased as a result of wet/marginal freezing forecasts requiring drivers to report to depots but who were subsequently not required. Very cold but dry weather gives fewer challenges and costs less to manage than forecasts of plus 2 or 3 degrees but wet. Such forecasts require us to salt the network in case there is more clear sky than forecast allowing temperatures to drop below freezing with the resultant risk to the travelling public from ice. It should also be noted that forecasts and planned activity are based on road surface temperatures and not air temperatures as news forecasts are. The additional activity is demonstrated by the Operational Activity Statistics in Table 1, 2 and 3 which details activity carried out over the last winter period compared to previous winters.*

*There were only 10 days of snowploughing (measured as treatment across 50% of the network) which is the second lowest recorded data in the past seven winters, with the lowest being 7 days in winter 2018/19. This tends to be the gauge used by the public to determine the severity of winter however, as detailed, above a wet winter increases the level of winter activity carried out. A total of 18,681 tonnes of salt was spread against an average of 19,412 tonnes over the last seven winters. The 2019/20 winter was the second most expensive over the last seven winters at £4,321,367, with only winter 2017/18 exceeding this cost at £5,045,623. The main factors that influenced the 2019/20 winter spend figure was the marginal and wet nature of the winter which increased the number of pre grit and de-ice re-treat actions*

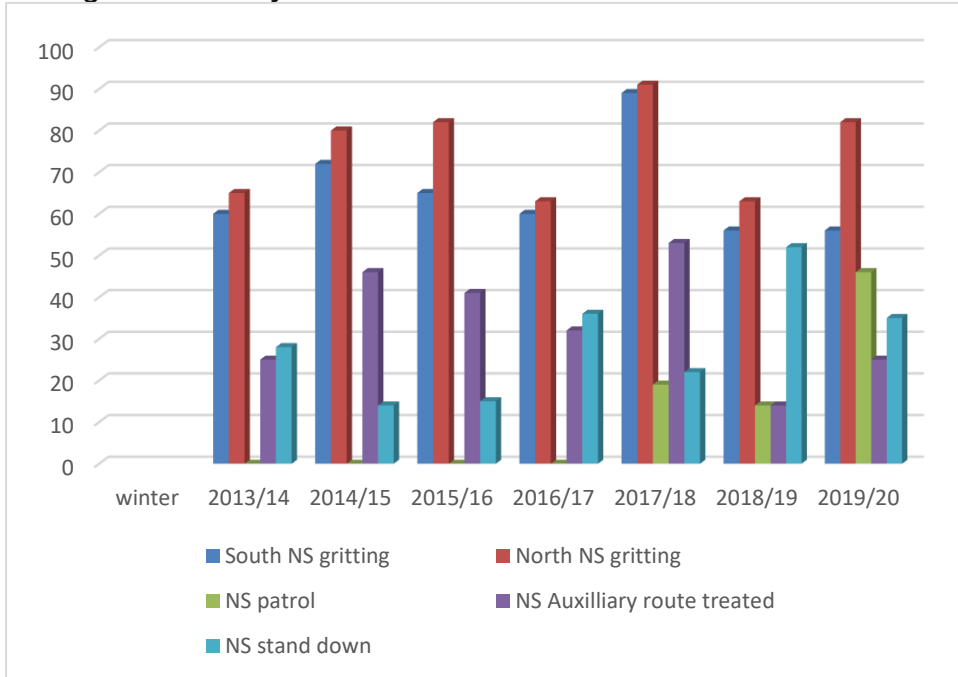
- 1.7 It is always appropriate to review and evaluate the arrangements for dealing with winter and this requires to be done in the context of the likelihood of severe weather happening and other demands on the Council budget.
- 1.8 At the end of each winter season, a review of operations is carried out with stakeholder consultation. Changing weather patterns, resources and personnel constraints mean that the winter service is an evolving service and these management reviews seek to provide an acceptable level of service whilst containing costs, complying with EU working time directives and managing the work/life balance for personnel. *Minimal feedback was received which could be a combination of the request for feedback coinciding with the COVID 19 outbreak, and the perceived mild winter.*
- 1.9 The proposals in section 2 show the proposed changes for winter 2020/21.
- 1.10 It should be noted that containing costs brings with it a risk of resources being fully stretched when adverse weather is encountered, especially if this occurs early or late in the season. Perth and Kinross Council continue to provide a reduced level of vehicles during the lead in and lead out periods, which remains a significantly longer period than adjacent Local Authorities. This reduces resilience levels for responding to severe snow or ice events during these periods. Whilst working with this reduced level of resource, volunteers

are sought to work outwith normal hours if required to react to any unseasonal severe weather during this period.

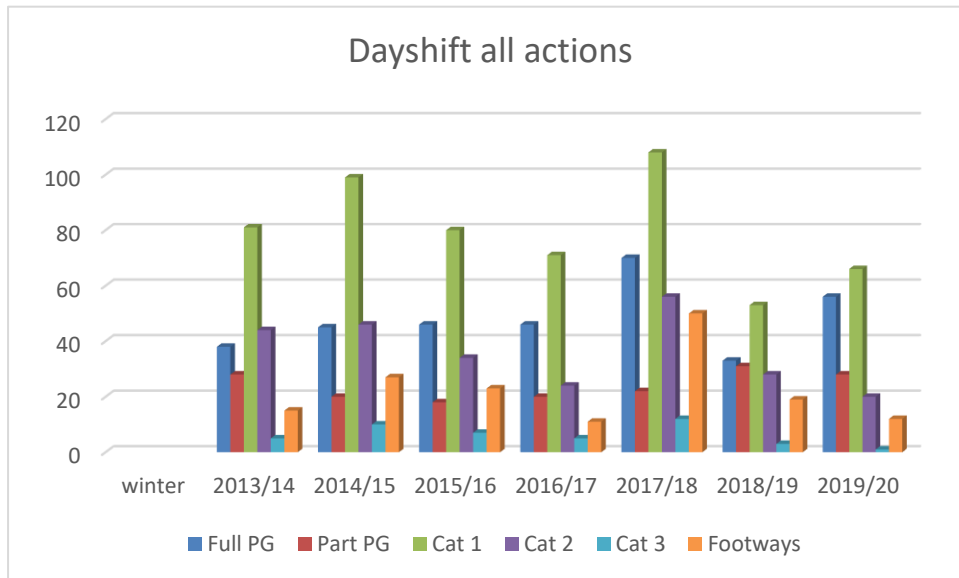
Table 1 – Operational Activity Statistics

| <i>Winter</i>               |                                                                                  | 2012 / 13  | 2013 / 14  | 2014 / 15  | 2015 / 16  | 2016 / 17  | 2017 / 18  | 2018 / 19  | 2019 / 20  |
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| <b>Number of treatments</b> |                                                                                  |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | Perth night shift routes gritted                                                 | 0          | 60         | 72         | 65         | 60         | 89         | 50         | 56         |
|                             | Blairgowrie night shift route gritted                                            | 0          | 65         | 80         | 82         | 63         | 91         | 55         | 82         |
|                             | 1.10 .                                                                           |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | Pre grits (cat 1) <i>Full pregrit to all of network</i>                          | 50         | 38         | 45         | 46         | 46         | 70         | 33         | 56         |
|                             | Part pre grits <i>Part of network pregritted only</i>                            | 29         | 28         | 20         | 18         | 20         | 22         | 31         | 28         |
|                             | De-ice or snow clearing on Cat 1 roads                                           | 103        | 81         | 99         | 80         | 71         | 108        | 53         | 66         |
|                             | De-ice or snow clearing on Cat 2 roads                                           | 62         | 44         | 46         | 34         | 24         | 56         | 28         | 20         |
|                             | De-ice or snow clearing on Cat 3 roads                                           | 20         | 5          | 10         | 7          | 5          | 12         | 3          | 1          |
|                             | De-ice or snow clearing on footways                                              | 68         | 15         | 27         | 23         | 11         | 50         | 19         | 12         |
|                             | North and South combined                                                         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Number of snow days</b>                                                       | 51         | 24         | 42         | 37         | 29         | 35         | 7          | 10         |
|                             | Snow clearing operations carried out on at least 50% of the PKC network of roads |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>All crews stood down (number of times)</b>                                    | 22         | 20         | 20         | 10         | 8          | 7          | 26         | 23         |
|                             | <b>Some crews stood down (number of times)</b>                                   | 40         | 39         | 32         | 28         | 24         | 8          | 18         | 32         |
|                             | Crews stood down in North and South on same counted as one event.                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Crews called out from home</b>                                                | 15         | 12         | 12         | 5          | 5          | 11         | 5          | 5          |
|                             | Number of times. North and South combined                                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | Both areas called on same day counts as one.                                     |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Alerts called</b>                                                             |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Blue</b>                                                                      | 16         | 2          | 10         | 6          | 5          | 7          | 3          | 2          |
|                             | <b>Orange</b>                                                                    | 16         | 2          | 8          | 3          | 2          | 10         | 0          | 1          |
|                             | <b>Red</b>                                                                       | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 9          | 0          | 1          |
|                             | <b>Salt usage (Tonnes)</b>                                                       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Carriageway</b>                                                               | 23,716     | 13,534     | 21,212     | 21,300     | 13,301     | 30,632     | 12,191     | 18,681     |
|                             | <b>Footway</b>                                                                   | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> | <i>inc</i> |
|                             | <b>Grit sand</b>                                                                 | 6,368      | 505        | 1,083      | 466        | 965        | 3,322      | 675        | 875        |
|                             | <b>Failure to meet level of service</b>                                          |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|                             | <b>Vehicle breakdown</b>                                                         | 7          | 16         | 21         | 7          | 11         | 2          | 0          | 3          |
|                             | <b>Other</b>                                                                     | 6          | 4          | 4          | 0          | 3          | 8          | 3          | 0          |

**Table 2 – Nighshift Activity**



**Table 3 - Graphical representation of total number of treatments carried out during winter 2019 / 2020**



NS = Night shift route  
 PG = pre grit  
 Cat 1 = Priority routes

Cat 2 = Non priority routes      Cat 3 = routes not normally treated unless conditions are severe - see Appendix 2a for full description of route hierarchy

## 2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 All roads and footways in Perth and Kinross are categorised according to their relative importance. The finite resources are allocated to ensure that the safety of the public is maximised and that accessibility is maintained on the most heavily used roads and footways. However, severe snow events may prevent access at times.
- 2.2 The policy in place is designed to deal with a typical winter and resources will always be tested in snow events. During prolonged periods of snow, the most important routes within the Category 1 network now designated Category 1a will be prioritised for gritting and snow clearing treatments as listed in Appendix 3.
- 2.3 *It is proposed to reduce the number of night shift routes operating during the full standby period from six to four. The increase from four to six night shift routes that was made in winter 2018 / 2019 has not added the value expected, mainly due to the last two relatively mild winters that we have experienced. The two night shift routes which will be removed for winter 2020 / 2021 operate out of Aberfeldy and Perth respectively and can be covered by a combination of evening and early morning gritting.*
- 2.4 *It is proposed to discontinue staffing the winter control room overnight during the full standby period as the four remaining night shift vehicles can be instructed and monitored through a combination of early morning and overnight standby shift working by staff. Staffing the overnight control room has reduced the available daily supervisory resources. In addition, there are very rare occurrences of change to the pre agreed gritting activity based on the lunchtime forecast.*
- 2.5 The level of service complies with the recommendations laid down in Code of Practice 'Well-managed highway infrastructure' (the code). The code refers to practical guidance by the National Winter Service Research Group (NWSRG).
- 2.6 Cover will be provided between 19 October 2020 and 4 April 2021. Appendix 1 details the resources available over this period. *An exercise is being undertaken to support preparations in terms of the impact on service delivery as a result of another spike in Covid 19 across the winter period.*
- 2.7 Appendix 1 details the times of the day during which the agreed level of service will be provided if actual or predicted weather conditions dictate that treatment is required. However, in periods of prolonged severe weather, this level of service is often not achievable given the need to ensure that the pool of operatives are not overstretched and are given adequate (statutory) rest breaks. This is particularly evident during the lead-in/lead-out period. Similarly, weekends or public holidays are affected when a reduced number of relief drivers are available.

- 2.8 In severe weather conditions, the higher priority routes may have to be treated several times before resources can be diverted to lower usage roads. This is to ensure that people can move around beyond their local area on cleared roads.
- 2.9 In severe conditions on routes with less usage, treatment may be restricted to clearing only the carriageway or one footway. Restricting the activity in this way will help to ensure that the limited resource is as widely spread across communities as possible.
- 2.10 Response Time: 1 Hour - the maximum time between the decision to begin treatment and vehicles leaving the depot. (For un-planned activities this includes calling operatives from home).
- 2.11 Target Completion Time - during the main cover period the target completion time for routine morning de-icing of Category 1 carriageways is 07:30 (09:00 on Sundays and nationally recognised public holidays). The treatment time in severe weather conditions will be longer. When snow falls, it can take twice as long to complete treatment, as vehicles need to travel more slowly and ploughing must be done in both directions. With the exception of the *four* nightshift routes which operate during the main standby period, no treatment will routinely extend beyond 21:00 (see Appendix 2a):
- Category 1 priority roads will be treated seven days per week as detailed above.
  - Category 2 roads will be treated five days per week (Monday to Friday) as resources permit between 08:00 – 15.00.
  - Category 3 routes comprise of roads which are not normally treated, except in prolonged ice or snow conditions and only when resources become available. Each treatment route will be arranged so that the most important parts are treated first, whilst taking account of operational efficiency.
- 2.12 Footways receive treatment according to their usage and importance in the public road network (see Appendix 2a). Based on this assessment:
- Category 1 priority footways will be treated seven days per week within the main winter period, with extended hours on weekdays if an alert is called. No footway treatment will be carried out on Christmas Day and New Year's Day as in general shops are not open on those days.
  - Category 2 footway routes will be treated five days per week (Monday to Friday) as resources permit between 08:00 – 15.00.
  - Category 3 routes comprise of footways which are not normally treated, except in prolonged ice or snow conditions and only when resources become available. Each footway treatment route will be arranged so that the most important parts are treated first, whilst taking account of operational efficiency.
- 2.13 Stakeholder feedback has highlighted our communities have a desire to help themselves, and officers have consulted with various stakeholders, including community councils and other interested community groups. It is hoped to

continue to build on support for interested/able local individuals willing to treat sections of footway that the Council cannot ordinarily treat through:

- *additional 20 push along barrows will be available for community use for winter 2020/21*
  - Criminal Justice are available to assist with labour resources during snow conditions and it is intended to develop this further over the coming winter.
- 2.14 A salt : grit sand mix continues to be the treatment on rural non priority carriageway routes
- 2.15 There is a UK-wide agreement managed by the Scottish Government to monitor and report on salt use and stock levels which is reported nationally. The Council remain committed to reporting and complying as required. In addition, the collaborative use of Tayside Contracts in providing the winter service ensures there is scope for mutual aid across Tayside should restocking become an issue
- 2.16 For 2019 /20 winter, the salt order was 23,000 tonnes which is similar to the total amount of salt used routinely over a typical winter season. Although last winter season saw only 18,681 tonnes used, *it is intended to again hold a starting stock of 23,000 tonnes.*
- 2.17 The Council currently provides in excess of 1300 grit bins. This large number reflects the Council's desire to encourage self-help along with the policy not to treat some minor roads routinely. The Council is currently at saturation point *in terms of routinely available resources* to service and replenish these containers and, therefore, any request for additional grit bins will require to be offset by relocating another grit bin where, from experience, it has not been used much.. Grit bins are generally provided on steep gradients, tight bends, and steps or in some special cases where there is a specific community need. They are normally not provided on routes which are treated routinely. Grit bins will generally be filled with a salt/sand mixture, but when salt conservation measures are required, will be filled with grit sand only.
- 2.18 Grit bins are provided for use on public roads and not on private areas and due to staff resources will not be checked routinely by officers through the winter. Instead, the Council relies on reports of empty bins from members of the public. Private occupiers should purchase salt from DIY stores and builders merchants for use on their own properties.
- 2.19 Situations occur which require that restrictions on hours, routes, employment of contractors etc. require to be relaxed, in order to deal more effectively with the emergency. This is allowed for and controlled by a system of 'Alerts'. In serious situations, either an Orange or Red Alert can be authorised by the Road Maintenance Partnership Manager, to allow working arrangements out with the 'normal' policy such as employing 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to work on clearing/lifting snow or exceeding driver hours to deal with unforecast situations. A Blue alert can be called operationally to mitigate a potentially

short term hazardous situation such as extending treatment actions utilising available in house resources to pre-grit category 2 roads later into evening, in advance of a heavy snow forecast.

- 2.20 There are currently voluntary arrangements with 69 farmers to whom the Council supplies snow ploughs which they fit to their own vehicles enabling them to clear snow on specified lengths of public road, as well as to clear their own private roads. These arrangements cover around 300km of road, which is just under 8% of the overall Council road network. The Council continue to be pleased to get approaches from other farmers interested in the scheme, however, will only be able to add farmers from areas where presently there is little coverage. The Council indemnify the farmers against 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability claims but do not insure against damage to their own vehicle or themselves.
- 2.21 In addition, 32 farmers have indicated that they are available to be employed in severe conditions to undertake snow clearing of additional lengths of road. These farmers are called on for Orange Alerts as the sooner they are out on the network, the sooner the benefit will be achieved.
- 2.22 The following replacement items of winter maintenance plant will be available for winter 2020 – 2021, *subject to Covid19 restrictions permitting supply. The vehicles they replace are generally 10 years old which incur higher preparation and ongoing maintenance costs.*  
One 4 x 4 gritter replacement  
Four 6 x 4 gritter replacements  
One 6m<sup>3</sup> demountable gritting body
- 2.23 The weather forecast contract for the winter of 2020 - 2021 will again be provided by MetDesk Weather Services. *Winter 2019 -20 was the third year of a 3 (plus 1 plus 1) year contract with MetDesk. Despite the often marginal conditions when the temperatures hovered around 0 degrees to +2 degrees celcius making forecasting for winter decision making a challenge, Metdesk delivered 87% accuracy.*
- 2.24 The Council have 7 weather stations and 8 camera sites (3 sites have dual directional cameras) placed strategically across the network. The station data and images are shared with neighbouring authorities & BEAR Scotland and their information shared with Perth and Kinross. The camera images are also available on the Council website alongside a community camera at Spittal of Glenshee (which the Council helped fund) and Braemar. This infrastructure is maintained and information retrieved / interpolated by Vaisala. The MetDeska and Vaisala contracts are administered by Tayside Procurement Consortium on behalf of seven councils working collaboratively to achieve economy of scale.



### 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- i. notes that the budget is set at £3.715m, subject to any changes made by Council as part of the revenue budget review in September 2020
- ii. approves the winter maintenance service should be delivered as outlined in this report
- iii. approves that the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) is authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies.

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#### Approved

| Name           | Designation                                  | Date          |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Barbara Renton | Executive Director (Housing and Environment) | 7 August 2020 |

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Workforce                                           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>None</b>       |
| Risk                                                | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| External                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>Yes</b>        |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The winter maintenance service is provided to ensure that transport links essential to economic and social activity can continue to be used safely throughout most of the winter. However, it is not the intention and is not possible to keep all roads free from ice and snow at all times.
- 1.2 The Council's policy is set out in Report 96/180 "Summary of Council Policies for Roads and Transport" approved by the Roads and Transport Committee on 24 April 1996: (Art. 63/96). It is deemed that this policy is still relevant.
- 1.3 Policy 5 of the above report - The Council will operate a priority system of winter maintenance which will, as far as reasonably practicable, permit the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the more important parts of the road and footway network, taking into account the finance which has been made available. The priority system will be applied uniformly and will, as far as possible, contain costs to an acceptable level.
- 1.4 The objective of this policy is to enable the Council to comply with its statutory duty as set out in Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 which states: "A roads authority shall take such steps as they consider reasonable to prevent snow and ice endangering the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles over public roads." The policy allows the Council to meet its statutory

obligations by providing the most effective winter maintenance service it can within the constraints of its finite resources. During severe weather, the Council will endeavour to keep delays to a reasonable minimum.

### Corporate Plan

1.5 The Council's Corporate Plan for Securing the Future 2018 and Beyond lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report impacts on the following:-

- i) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- ii) Supporting people to lead and independent, healthy and active life
- iii) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

2.1 The following table illustrates the pattern of expenditure in recent years.

| Year    | Budget  | Standing Charges | Operating Costs | Outturn Cost |
|---------|---------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2004/05 | £2.826m | £1.359m          | £1.241m         | £2.600m      |
| 2005/06 | £2.911m | £1.378m          | £1.477m         | £2.855m      |
| 2006/07 | £2.888m | £1.275m          | £1.086m         | £2.361m      |
| 2007/08 | £2.888m | £1.433m          | £1.202m         | £2.635m      |
| 2008/09 | £2.888m | £1.549m          | £1.966m         | £3.515m      |
| 2009/10 | £2.888m | £1.752m          | £3.333m         | £5.085m      |
| 2010/11 | £2.795m | £1.794m          | £4.169m         | £5.963m      |
| 2011/12 | £2.795m | £1.776m          | £1.765m         | £3.541m      |
| 2012/13 | £2.880m | £1.997m          | £2.387m         | £4.384m      |
| 2013/14 | £3.317m | £1.317m          | £1.676m         | £2.993m      |
| 2014/15 | £3.617m | £1.986m          | £1.895m         | £3.881m      |
| 2015/16 | £3.617m | £2.088m          | £1.568m         | £3.656m      |
| 2016/17 | £3.617m | £2.148           | £1.223          | £3.371m      |
| 2017/18 | £3.717m | £2.185m          | £2.857m         | £5.042m      |
| 2018/19 | £3.714m | £1.738m          | £1.833m         | £3.571       |
| 2019/20 | £3.714m | £1.436           | £2.885          | £4.321m      |
| Mean    |         |                  |                 | £4.072m      |

2.2 The actual expenditure on the Winter Service will be dependent upon the severity of the weather throughout the winter and other emergencies throughout the year and will be closely monitored and reported regularly to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee.

2.3 The costs of providing a winter service is split into two distinct areas:

- Standing Charges – these are the costs involved in having specialised plant, depots, hired plant and standby personnel etc in place to provide

the service. these are effectively “up front” costs incurred irrespective of weather conditions.

- Operating costs – cover the cost of fuel, routine repairs, salt, grit sand and the actual cost of paying staff and operatives to provide the service.

2.4 As detailed in the table in paragraph 2.1 the mean outturn cost over the past ten years is £4.072M which exceeds the budget figure. Last winter increased this mean value with six of the last ten winters having exceeded the budget. Three winters cost in excess of £5m each which increases the mean and the Council will continue to utilise reserve funds to meet the full cost of the Winter Service.

*The Council have this year set a budget for £3.715m for winter 2020 – 2021 and this report is brought it to committee to enable preparations to begin for the winter season. It is recognised that in these unprecedented times the Council financial position may change requiring a subsequent alteration in the level of service delivery to match the available budget.*

The Council will continue to implement operational and efficiencies savings to contain costs but as winter is unpredictable the cost will vary.

#### Workforce

2.5 The staff and the operatives of Tayside Contracts and the Council Services who provide the service, have demonstrated over the life of the Council, that they have the experience, flexibility and expertise to tackle the worst of winter weather.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed with the following outcomes for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council’s legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

3.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as relevant and actions taken to reduce or remove the following negative impacts:
  - There are finite resources which limit the amount of treatment which can be carried out.
- (ii) Assessed as relevant and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation:

- (iii) The Winter Manual will have a list of priorities for snow clearing. It will also include giving priority to clearing bus stops disabled parking bays and pedestrian crossing points (both designated pedestrian facilities, and at road junctions) to assist pedestrians, to complete the link between cleared footways and carriageways.
- (iv) Publicity information on the Winter Service via, local media and [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk) will recommend that members of the community should look out for vulnerable community members and see if they can provide any assistance to them. It will also emphasise that the Council needs the assistance and support of as many members of the community as possible in order to restore the roads and footways to a safe condition.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 3.4 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and pre-screening has identified that the PPS will have no or minimal environmental effects. It is therefore exempt and the SEA Gateway has been notified.
- 3.5 The reasons for concluding that the PPS will have no or minimal environmental effects is that over the years the roadside verges have already been impacted and have adapted, resulting in vegetation, particularly grass, which is tolerant to the salt. It is not anticipated that there will be any long-term, frequent, permanent or cumulative environmental effects, or impacts on areas of high biodiversity or cultural heritage value, as a result of the policy.

### Sustainability

- 3.6 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.7 Perth and Kinross Council also has the following mitigation measures in place to ensure there is minimal environmental effect as a result of the Winter Service Policy including:
  - Salt Management – gritters are calibrated and data from IEWS system and the specialist weather forecast enables treatment to be targeted at the areas that require it.

- The majority of the salt storage is in buildings or covered in tarpaulins in locations which have been approved by SEPA, thus helping to prevent leaching into the ground.
- Discharge of surface water from new developments addresses the potential environmental effects to prevent pollution.
- The Winter Service is reviewed on an annual basis to take account of changing climatic factors and planning for extreme weather events.

#### Risk

- 3.8 The Council as Roads Authority have a statutory duty as set out in Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 which states: “A roads authority shall take such steps as they consider reasonable to prevent snow and ice endangering the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles over public roads.”
- 3.9 This policy allows the Council to meet its statutory obligations and minimise exposure to risk by providing the most effective winter maintenance service it can within the constraints of its finite resources. During severe weather, the Council will endeavour to keep delays to a reasonable minimum.

#### **4. Consultation**

##### Internal

- 4.1 As in previous years Elected Members are given the opportunity throughout the winter and in April 2020 to become involved in agreeing the route categories with the Roads Maintenance Partnership. The policy also allows unadopted roads with an important community use to be included within the categorisation and is not restricted to adopted roads.
- 4.2 As local circumstances, and travel patterns change, winter maintenance categories are subject to change and Elected Members have a role in identifying and agreeing such changes. However the resources available to carry out winter maintenance are finite, so if the relative priority of a road or footway is to be raised then that of another road or footway within a particular Ward must be reduced.
- 4.3 The Council will always receive complaints about the winter maintenance service due to high public expectations, limited available resources and the vagaries of the weather. A distinction has to be made between complaints related to proven failures to meet the approved level of service and complaints regarding the policy.
- 4.4 *At the end of the 2019 - 2020 winter comments on the winter service provision were invited from Elected Members and from Community Councils.*
- 4.5 *Due to a combination of Covid19 restrictions interrupting business as usual and milder type of weather experienced in winter 2019 – 2020 very few responses were received. The responses that were received were*

*complimentary of the winter service provision for winter 2019 – 2020 with no significant issues flagged up.*

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Communication will take place in due course and the policy and level of service, along with specific detail on gritting routes and times will be made available on the Council website. Ongoing winter action and road conditions will be made available via Council facebook and twitter.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 Well Managed Highway Infrastructure 2016
- 2.2 Road (Scotland) Act 1984

## **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 - PERIODS OF COVER
- 3.2 APPENDIX 2a - LEVEL OF SERVICE & PRIORITY SYSTEMS (CARRIAGEWAYS)
- 3.3 APPENDIX 2b - LEVEL OF SERVICE & PRIORITY SYSTEMS (FOOTWAYS)
- 3.4 APPENDIX 3 - CATEGORY 1A CARRIAGEWAY SNOW ROUTES





## Appendix 1

## PERIODS OF COVER 2020 - 2021

Instructions on reporting times for Nightshift crews Sunday to Friday, early start crews Monday to Friday and standby crews 7 days per week , will be issued by Roads Maintenance Partnership Staff during the previous day

| Period<br><br>(All changes take place at 12 noon)              | Standby routes covered    |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | Total |                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                | South                     |                           |                           | North                     |                           |                           |       |                                                                                                       |
|                                                                | Perth                     | Kinross                   | Crieff                    | Blairgowrie               | Aberfeldy                 | Blair Atholl              |       |                                                                                                       |
| <b>19</b><br>October –<br><b>1</b><br>November<br>2020         | 3                         | 1                         | 1                         | 3                         | 2                         | 1                         | 11    | <b>Lead in period</b><br>Control Centre in operation limited system – reduced cover                   |
| <b>2</b><br>November<br>2020<br>–<br><b>7</b><br>March<br>2021 | 5<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 1<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 2<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 5<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 1<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 2<br>Plus 1<br>nightshift | 22    | Main standby system – full cover including night shifts                                               |
| <b>8</b> March -<br><b>21</b> March<br>2021                    | 3                         | 1                         | 1                         | 3                         | 2                         | 1                         | 11    | <b>Lead out period</b><br>limited system – reduced cover                                              |
| <b>22</b> March<br>–<br><b>4</b> April<br><br>2021             | 0                         | 1                         | 1                         | 1                         | 0                         | 1                         | 4     | Control Centre in operation (operated from home) plus basic cover by Tayside Contracts Summer Standby |

During lead in/lead out periods it is not possible to treat all / any parts of the network and so available resources will be deployed to best effect in relation to weather conditions being experienced



## APPENDIX 2a

WINTER MAINTENANCE- LEVEL OF SERVICE & PRIORITY SYSTEMS 2020 - 2021  
(CARRIAGEWAYS)

| Category          | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Routes (examples)                                                                                                                                                                  | Length (km)<br>Indicative Only | Hours of Cover                                                                                                                                     | Service Provided                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nightshift routes | The most important strategic routes. City routes plus early morning bus service routes in the Perth area. The A93 South of Blairgowrie, the A94 between Meigle and Perth and the A923 between Blairgowrie and Tullybachart. Kinross area A class road and Crieff / Auchterarder areas A class roads.                    | A class roads network and early morning bus routes in the Perth area Important road links in Kinross, Crieff, Blairgowrie and Highland Perthshire areas                            | 320 estimate                   | Sunday to Friday 00:00 – 08:00<br>During the full cover period<br>As per category 1a route cover times during lead in and lead out periods         | In ice and snow conditions or <u>pre-salted</u> when ice or snow is forecast and roads are not dry.                                                                                        |
| 1a                | Priority routes. Other strategic routes carrying large volumes of traffic and connecting main centres of population outwith the Perth area                                                                                                                                                                              | A977, A91, A913, A926, A827 Aberfeldy – Ballinluig<br>A822 Crieff – Greenloaning<br>A924 through Pitlochry                                                                         | 220                            | Until 21:00 all days. In the full cover period, complete morning de-icing by 07:30 (09:00 on Sundays and nationally recognised public holidays)    | In ice and snow conditions or <u>pre-salted</u> when ice or snow is forecast and roads are not dry.                                                                                        |
| 1b                | Priority routes. Other strategic routes connecting larger communities and other main rural roads. Roads leading to important or sensitive locations such as hospitals or fire stations.*                                                                                                                                | A93 Blairgowrie – Glenshee<br>A923 Blairgowrie - Dunkeld<br>A827 Aberfeldy - Killin<br>A822 Crieff - Dunkeld<br>A823 (part), A824 (part), A912<br>B996,<br>B9097, B9099, B996 etc. | 370 estimate                   | Until 21:00 all days. In the full cover period, complete morning de-icing by 07:30 (09:00 on Sundays and nationally recognised public holidays) ** | In ice and snow conditions or <u>pre-salted</u> when ice or snow is forecast and roads are not dry.<br><br>In severe snow conditions, Category 1b routes will be treated after Category 1a |
| 2                 | Non priority routes. Minor rural roads serving small settlements or a significant number of rural properties. Secondary distributor/local roads in settlements. Other urban or rural roads with special difficulties such as steep gradients.*                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1310                           | 08:00-15:00 Monday –Friday<br>Excluding public holidays                                                                                            | In ice and snow conditions only, no <u>pre-salting</u>                                                                                                                                     |
| 3                 | Rural roads serving no or small numbers of isolated properties. Local access roads in settlements within easy reach of local distributor roads.                                                                                                                                                                         | This will include most residential streets with only local traffic                                                                                                                 | 210                            | Not applicable                                                                                                                                     | <u>Not normally treated</u> unless there is hard, packed rutted snow on these roads with road surface temperatures below zero and treatment of all other categories has been completed     |
| 4                 | Rural public roads serving no habitation which because of their altitude, alignment and width cannot reasonably and safely be treated using normal winter maintenance plant. Private (unadopted) roads which is not the responsibility of a Council service and which are not considered to have a wider community use. | U159 Kenmore – Garrows (Kenmore Hill).<br>U161 Bridge of Balgae – A827 at Loch Tay.                                                                                                | 8<br><br>14                    | Not treated                                                                                                                                        | Not treated.                                                                                                                                                                               |



## APPENDIX 2b

## WINTER MAINTENANCE - LEVEL OF SERVICE &amp; PRIORITY SYSTEMS 2020 – 2021 (FOOTWAYS)

| Category | Descriptions                                                                                                                                            | Examples                                                                                                                                                                                                | Length (km) | Hours of Cover                                                            | Service Provided           | Response Time                                              | Target Treatment Times (Priority Routes) | Target Post Gritting / Snow Clearance Time |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1        | Priority routes. Main shopping areas, main arterial footways, busy feeder footways and footways leading to community centres and centres of employment. | Perth, Aberfeldy, Auchterarder, Blairgowrie, Crieff, Kinross, Pitlochry, Alyth, Bridge of Earn, Coupar Angus, Dunked, Luncarty, Milnathort and Scone.                                                   | N/A         | 0630-1500 Mon-Sat 0800-1500 Sun and nationally recognised public holidays | In snow and ice conditions | 1 hour                                                     | N/A                                      | 6 hours                                    |
| 2        | Priority routes.<br>As above plus Other footways with significant usage.                                                                                | As above plus Abernethy, Aberuthven, Almondbank, Balbeggie, Bankfoot, Blackford, Braco, Burrelton Caputh, Comrie, Glencarse, Glenfarg, Inchtute, Longforgan, Methven, Muthill, Powmill, Meigle, Stanley | N/A         | 08:00-15:00 Monday -Friday                                                | In snow and ice conditions | As soon as possible after Cat 1 routes have been completed | N/A                                      | N/A                                        |

Lower priority routes will only be treated once the higher priority routes have been treated unless operational factors such as efficient route planning dictate otherwise.  
No footway treatment on either 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Footway cover is only provided during the main winter period and during lead in/lead out periods it is not possible to treat all / any footway and so available resources will be deployed to best effect in relation to weather conditions being experienced

WINTER MAINTENANCE - LEVEL OF SERVICE & PRIORITY SYSTEMS 2020 – 2021 (FOOTWAYS)

| Category | Descriptions                                                                                                                       | Examples | Length (km) | Hours of Cover              | Service Provided                                                                                                                                          | Response Time | Target Treatment Times (Priority Routes) | Target Post Gritting / Snow Clearance Time |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 3        | Non priority routes. Less well used footways and footways where a feasible alternative route exists                                |          | N/A         | 08:00-15:00 Monday - Friday | Not normally treated. Only treated in prolonged snow and ice conditions if time and resources permit, and after successful treatment of higher priorities | N/A           | N/A                                      | N/A                                        |
| 4        | Footways which are not the responsibility of a Council Service and which are not considered to be important in the footway network |          | N/A         | N/A                         | Not treated                                                                                                                                               | N/A           | N/A                                      | N/A                                        |

Lower priority routes will only be treated once the higher priority routes have been treated unless operational factors such as efficient route planning dictate otherwise. No footway treatment on either 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020 or 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

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**CATEGORY 1A CARRIAGEWAY SNOW ROUTES FOR PERIODS OF SEVERE WEATHER**

| <b>Route</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A822         | Crieff to Greenloaning                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| A823         | Auchterarder to Junction with A822                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| A824         | Auchterarder to Aberuthven                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A827         | Aberfeldy to Ballinluig                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| A91          | Yetts o' Muckart to Strathmiglo (through Kinross)                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| A911         | Kinross to Fife Boundary at Auchmuirbridge                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A912         | Edinburgh Road, Perth to Fife Boundary                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| A913         | Aberargie to Newburgh                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| A923         | Blairgowrie to Angus Boundary near Lundie                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| A924         | Through centre of Pitlochry                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| A926         | Blairgowrie to Angus Boundary near Craigton                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| A93          | A94 junction in Perth to Blairgowrie                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| A94          | Perth Bridge to Angus Boundary near Meigle                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A977         | Kinross to Blairingone                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| B954         | Alyth to Angus Boundary near Newtyle                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| B996         | Kinross to Fife Boundary                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|              | <b>The following roads in Perth City</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| A93          | Glasgow Road - Broxden to Caledonian Road<br>York Place, County Place, South Street, Queens Bridge                                                                                                                                                 |
| A85          | Dundee Road - from Toll House, Dundee Road, Gowrie Street, Perth Bridge to Charlotte Street                                                                                                                                                        |
| A85          | Barrack St and Dunkeld Road to Crieff Road                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A85          | Crieff Road - Dunkeld Road to Newhouse Road Roundabout                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| A912         | Dunkeld Road - Crieff Road to Inveralmond Roundabout                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| A989         | Tay Street, Marshall Place, Kings Place, Leonard Street, Caledonian Road, Atholl Street, Charlotte Street<br>Newhouse Road, Burghmuir Road, Jeanfield Road, Long Causeway<br>Manse Road, Hatton Road, Corsie Hill Road, Muirhall Road, Lochie Brae |





**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

**Environment and Infrastructure Committee**

**19 August 2020**

**CITY OF PERTH WINTER FESTIVAL**

**Report by Head of Planning and Development (Report No. 20/134)**

This report outlines the 2019/20 City of Perth Winter Festival and its estimated impacts.

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The City of Perth Winter Festival is the subject of an annual report to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. At its meeting of 20 March 2019 (Report No. 19/86 refers) the Committee received a report on the development of the Festival, together with budget breakdowns and an assessment of the economic impact of the key events within the programme. The purpose of this report is to outline the approach to the 2019/20 City of Perth Winter Festival and provide an estimate of the economic impact of the Christmas Lights event and Riverside Light Nights (Burns Nights).

**2. PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT**

- 2.1 As with the programme in previous years, the Winter Festival is heralded by Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night and the Festival is essentially an overarching device for a series of events from November to February that includes as its key features the Christmas Lights event and Riverside Light Nights. As the Festival is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year officers are conscious of the need for the programme to evolve. This includes a consideration of new models of delivery, including an enhanced role for the private sector, while also retaining the opportunities for community groups, performers, and enterprises to participate. To this end, for 2019/20 the Hallowe'en event was led by private sector operators and private sector event companies delivered four of the nine themed Riverside Light Nights.
- 2.2 The main events within the 2019/20 Winter Festival were:
- Christmas Lights event – Saturday, 16 November 2019
  - Perthshire Festive Feast – Sunday, 17 November 2019
  - Churches Lantern and Nativity Parade – Saturday 30 November 2019
  - Fair Saturday – Saturday, 30 November 2019
  - St Andrew's Day celebrations – Sunday, 1 December 2019
  - Santa Run – Saturday, 7 December 2019
  - Perth Riverside Light Nights – Saturday, 25 January to Sunday, 5 February 2020

- 2.3 The Winter Festival was introduced by the Hallowe'en Parade and Fun Night on Saturday, 26 October and Bonfire Night on Tuesday, 5 November. The latter is hosted annually by Perth and Strathearn Round Table while the Hallowe'en event in 2019 was organised by three companies working in collaboration: History & Horror Tours; Horne's Funfairs; Castle Horror. The Council's role in respect of Hallowe'en was to facilitate the event, support the organisers and provide some infrastructure support – thereby reducing the Council's direct expenditure on the event programme. This meant that some of the attractions and activities carried an admission charge whereas they had been free of charge in previous years.
- 2.4 A major feature of the Winter Festival programme is the Christmas Lights event which took place on Saturday, 16 November (followed by the Perthshire Festive Feast on 17 November). As in the previous years, the programmes for these days comprise markets and entertainment zones including a children's zone with stage and Santa's Grotto, a central stage where the main focus is on acts and performances from local community groups, and the main stage on Tay Street which remained the principle focus for the switch ceremony for the Christmas lights together with the firework display. The Chocolate, Gin and Things market was located in George Street and St John's Street while the Festive Market took place in the High Street.
- 2.5 For the weekend of 30 November and 1 December an expanded weekend of events for St Andrew's Day was delivered. This included events on Fair Saturday (a Scottish Government initiative) which included the Spirit of Scotland market, music performances, and which coincided with the first of the free festive parking Saturdays.
- 2.6 The Riverside Light Nights were first staged in 2017 at the Norie Miller Walk on Perth's riverside. In 2020 a new approach was taken with the introduction of a mix of free and paid admission evenings. As has been the tradition since its inception, the Light Nights programme commenced with two themed evenings to mark Burns Night on Saturday, 25 January and Sunday, 26 January. On the Saturday evening the event commenced with the Burns Night Parade from the city centre and also included pipe band performances, and children's entertainments alongside the Twilight Market on Tay Street which was a new feature for the evening.
- 2.7 The Burns Nights were followed by a music night on the Monday, then the four paid admission themed nights: Witchcraft and Wizardry on Tuesday and Wednesday (produced by FQT Events); Jurassic Perth (dinosaur theme) on Thursday and Friday (produced by Bigfoot Events). As this was a new venture, and a trial to gauge the private sector appetite to partner in the event, the approach taken with these four nights was that the responsibility for content programming, production, ticketing and sales management lay with each event producer who utilised the venue and the core site infrastructure that was provided by the Council for the whole Light Nights programme. This meant that the Council supported the delivery of those themed nights within the overall Riverside Light Nights programme but reduced its expenditure on the entertainment for those particular evenings. Grant support of £10K was secured from EventScotland for the Burns Night events and there was some additional income from trade concessions.

2.8 The Winter Festival programme also benefitted this year from the recent investment in lighting in the city centre, particularly at St Matthew's Church and Perth Bridge, and which provided an enhanced setting for the Riverside Light Nights especially.

2.9 As in previous years the Council led programme for the Winter Festival is also complemented by a series of other events including Farmers' Markets, Craft Markets as well as the Perth Concert Hall and Theatre programme. Promotional material for the Winter Festival also highlights the seasonal events that are taking place throughout Perth and Kinross.

2.10 The expenditure summary for the events which took place is as follows:

| <b>Event</b>                        | <b>Gross Expenditure</b> | <b>Income</b>  | <b>Net Expenditure</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Hallowe'en Parade and Fun Night     | £4,310                   | -              | £4,310                 |
| Christmas Lights event              | £219,802                 | £42,450        | £177,352               |
| Festive Feast                       | £26,826                  | £2,450         | £24,376                |
| Fair Saturday                       | £2,897                   | -              | £2,897                 |
| St Andrew's Day celebrations        | £29,862                  | £1,500         | £28,362                |
| Churches Lantern and Nativity Event | £1,402                   | -              | £1,402                 |
| Santa Run                           | £1,250                   | -              | £1,250                 |
| Riverside Light Nights              | £110,947                 | £11,449        | £99,498                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>£397,296</b>          | <b>£57,849</b> | <b>£339,447</b>        |

2.11 The key features of the Christmas Lights event included:

- Main stage acts including Nina Nesbitt, Winter Clubland Classics, Atomic Kitten, Giants of British Rock, Stephen Mulhern
- Horsecross Plaza children's stage featuring Basil Brush
- Santa's Grotto at Horsecross Plaza
- King Edward Street stage featuring a varied programme of acts
- Themed entertainment zones and street performers throughout the city (including funfair in Mill Street)
- The Chocolate, Gin and Things Market in George Street and St John's Street
- Festive Market in the High Street
- Ice sculptures & live ice carvings
- Santa's Parade
- The switch on of the Christmas Lights by the Provost which featured a pyrotechnic display

2.12 The cost breakdown for the Christmas Lights event is as follows:

|                                                        |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Staging and infrastructure                             | £61,755         |
| Marketing                                              | £6,000          |
| Health & Safety/stewarding                             | £17,985         |
| Entertainment (all stages and street entertainers etc) | £127,261        |
| Miscellaneous (signs, power charges, etc)              | £6,801          |
| <b>Total</b>                                           | <b>£219,802</b> |

### 3. EVALUATION

3.1 A survey was undertaken of 548 visitors to Perth on the day of the Christmas Lights event with an economic impact assessment undertaken based on the results of this survey, grossed to the estimated overall attendance on the day. It was estimated that there were 90,000 visitors to the city on 16<sup>th</sup> November (91,000 in 2018), with 97% day visitors and 3% overnight visitors (which is consistent with the profile in previous years' visitor surveys).

3.2 Taking account of daily and overnight expenditure levels and average length of stay for overnight visitors, the estimated economic impact of the event was calculated as follows:

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Day Visitor Numbers                   | 87,300     |
| Overnight Visitor Numbers             | 2,700      |
| Gross expenditure: day visitors       | £4,357,689 |
| Gross expenditure: overnight visitors | £1,108,655 |
| Total Gross Expenditure               | £5,466,344 |
| Displaced expenditure                 | £3,729,053 |
| Net direct expenditure                | £1,737,291 |
| Multipliers                           | 1.32       |
| Net additional expenditure            | £2,293,224 |

3.3 Displacement is a measure to the extent to which the Christmas Lights event has simply moved expenditure from one part of the economy to another. Displacement levels have been assessed using information from the survey on:

- Visitor origin
- Importance of the event in the decision to visit the area
- Counterfactual i.e. what the visitor would have done in the absence of the Christmas Lights event

3.4 The displacement figure therefore accounts for the proportion of the visitors by origin reporting that they would have been in Perth and Kinross irrespective of the event and whose expenditure is therefore displaced i.e. not included in the net calculations. In relation to multipliers, the expenditure generated as a result of the Christmas Lights event will have two types of wider impact on the economy:

- Supplier effect: an increase in sales in a business will require it to purchase more supplies than it would have otherwise. A proportion of this "knock on" effect will benefit suppliers in the local and national economies.
- Income effect: an increase in sales in a business will usually lead to either an increase in employment or an increase in incomes for those already employed. A proportion of these increased incomes will be re-spent in the local and national economies.

3.5 The net direct expenditure generated from the Christmas Lights event was approximately £1.73 million. The Scottish Tourism Multiplier Study provides standard supplier and income multipliers for the tourism sector. This estimates that the combined supplier and income multiplier for Perth and Kinross is 1.32. The total net additional economic impact generated is therefore estimated to be approximately £2.3 million. This is an increase on the figure for 2018 which was approximately £2 million and can be attributed to slightly higher average expenditure levels and average length of overnight stay.

3.6 An online survey was issued to approximately 420 city businesses to gauge impacts and reactions to the Christmas Lights event. Replies were received from 35 businesses and of these responses:

- 24% indicated that the event had had a positive benefit on the business
- 42% suggested that the event had had no impact on their business
- 33% felt that the event had had a negative impact on their business
- 57% provided written comments which included suggestions which were generally to specific operational considerations as well as layout of markets,

3.7 This year’s Riverside Light Nights ran from 25 January to 2 February. This series of themed sound and light events attracted an estimated 30,780 visits over the 9 nights that it was held (average 3,420 visits per night). Visitors were surveyed on the two Burns Night themed evenings which opened this year’s Light Nights programme, and which attracted an estimated 9,631 unique visitors. 528 survey responses were received and, as with the Christmas Lights event, an economic impact assessment was undertaken based on the survey findings.

3.8 Taking into account the visitor numbers, expenditure levels and displacement factors, the estimated economic impact of these two Light Night events was calculated as follows:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Day Visitor Numbers                   | 8,957    |
| Overnight Visitor Numbers             | 674      |
| Gross expenditure: day visitors       | £300,685 |
| Gross expenditure: overnight visitors | £204,138 |
| Total Gross Expenditure               | £504,823 |
| Displaced expenditure                 | £254,831 |
| Net direct expenditure                | £249,992 |
| Multipliers                           | 1.32     |
| Net additional expenditure            | £329,989 |

3.9 The total net additional economic impact generated from the two Burns themed Light Nights is therefore estimated to be approximately £330K.

## **4. PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 It had been the original intention to bring this report to the March 2020 meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee and which would have comprised a proposal and recommendation regarding the future development of the events. In that iteration of the report it was noted that the challenge remained to develop the Winter Festival, to be innovative and to “ring the changes” appropriately. It was proposed that engagement would continue with external parties to consider opportunities for private sector operators to take more significant roles and in order to reduce the Council’s direct expenditure.
- 4.2 However, circumstances have clearly changed and the Covid-19 crisis has meant that there has been a cessation of public events, with outdoor and indoor events in 2020 either cancelled or postponed until 2021. At the time of preparing this report, and as things stand, the guidelines with regards to the future delivery of outdoor events will be produced in line with the Scottish Government’s phased plan for moving out of lockdown with some relaxation regarding public events announced at Phase 4 and to the effect that mass gatherings may resume in line with public health advice. Nevertheless, the nature of the events within the Winter Festival is such that it would be impractical to hold events along previous lines while still being compliant with social distancing and other public health measures. Furthermore, the lead in time for planning and development of these seasonal events is now too short and the ability of other services, including emergency services, to participate in the required planning process is uncertain. Council officers have also been re-tasked in response to the crisis and in line with the Economic Recovery Plan there may need to be a reallocation of resources to support specific short and medium term actions. Other local authorities in Scotland are facing similar decisions and are cancelling their winter and Christmas programmes. In view of the foregoing factors, and combined with uncertainty around consumer confidence to attend large events, it is not proposed to hold the events which comprise the Winter Festival in 2020/21.

## **5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 This report gives information on 2019/20 Winter Festival programme and an outline of the impact of key events, the Christmas Lights event and Riverside Light Nights.
- 5.2 It is recommended that the Committee:
- (i) notes the approach to the development of the Perth Winter Festival in 2019/20 and its performance
  - (ii) agrees that as a consequence of the Covid-19 crisis, the Perth Winter Festival will not take place in 2020/21

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## IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

|                                                            |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                              |             |
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement /Perth City Plan | <b>Yes</b>  |
| Corporate Plan                                             | <b>Yes</b>  |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                               |             |
| Financial                                                  | <b>None</b> |
| Workforce                                                  | <b>None</b> |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)                     | <b>None</b> |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                         |             |
| Equality Impact Assessment                                 | <b>None</b> |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                         | <b>None</b> |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)        | <b>None</b> |
| Legal and Governance                                       | <b>None</b> |
| Risk                                                       | <b>Yes</b>  |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                        |             |
| Internal                                                   | <b>Yes</b>  |
| External                                                   | <b>None</b> |
| <b>Communication</b>                                       |             |
| Communications Plan                                        | <b>None</b> |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 The activities contribute to the Community Plan's strategic objectives of 'Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy', and a 'Safe Welcoming Environment' and the outcomes of 'a thriving, expanding economy' and 'employment opportunities for all'.

#### Corporate Plan

- 1.2 Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2018/22 sets out five strategic objectives:
- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
  - (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
  - (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
  - (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
  - (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.
- 1.3 This report relates to Objective No (iii) 'Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy' and the outcome of 'Thriving, expanding economy' by encouraging and supporting tourism.



## 2. Resource Implications

### Financial

2.1 There are no financial resource implications as a result of this report.

### Workforce

2.2 There are no workforce implications as a result of this report.

### Asset Management

2.3 There are no asset management implications arising as a result of this report.

## 3. Assessments

### Equality Impact Assessment

3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

(i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. No further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

### Sustainability

3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions. The activities in this report will contribute towards sustainable economic development in Perth and Kinross.

## Legal and Governance

- 3.5 The consideration of the report is in line with the Council's Scheme of Administration and specifically the role of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in developing measures to support and promote economic activity and to plan key infrastructure. Legal Services has been consulted on these proposals.

## Risk

- 3.6 Risks and the controls required to mitigate any risks will be reported through the Council's risk management process.

## **4. Consultation**

### Internal

- 4.1 The Heads of Legal Services and Finance has been consulted in preparation of this report.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 Any communications required will be undertaken by the Council.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Perth Winter Festival – Report to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, 20 March 2019 (19/86)

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

### Environment & Infrastructure Committee

19 August 2020

### AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

#### Report by Head of Planning & Development (Report No. 20/135)

This report recommends that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

#### 1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 requires the Council to keep a List of Public Roads, which it has a duty to manage and maintain. The Act makes provision for new or upgraded sections of road to be added to the List from time to time.
- 1.2 The majority of the roads listed on the attached schedule were constructed under Construction Consent. They have been completed in accordance with the Council's road standards and a satisfactory twelve-month maintenance period has expired. The developer has requested that they be added to the List of Public Roads. Consequently, in accordance with Section 16 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Council, as Roads Authority, is obliged to add such roads to its List of Public Roads.
- 1.3 The exception to above is Colenhaugh, Stormontfield, which has been improved by frontagers and Perth and Kinross Council, as part of the Unadopted Roads Policy.

#### 2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is proposed to amend the List of Public Roads as detailed in the attached schedule.

#### 3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The roads detailed in the attached schedule have been completed to the required standards and should now be added to the List of Public Roads.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the Committee:
  - (i) approves the amendments to the List of Public Roads as detailed in Appendix 1.
  - (ii) agrees that future updating of the List of Public Roads will not be submitted to Committee but the information will still be shared with Elected Members.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| <b>Strategic Implications</b>                       | <b>Yes / None</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement           | <b>None</b>       |
| Corporate Plan                                      | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Resource Implications</b>                        |                   |
| Financial                                           | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Workforce                                           | <b>None</b>       |
| Asset Management (land, property, IST)              | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Assessments</b>                                  |                   |
| Equality Impact Assessment                          | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Strategic Environmental Assessment                  | <b>Yes</b>        |
| Sustainability (community, economic, environmental) | <b>None</b>       |
| Legal and Governance                                | <b>None</b>       |
| Risk                                                | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                 |                   |
| Internal                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| External                                            | <b>Yes</b>        |
| <b>Communication</b>                                |                   |
| Communications Plan                                 | <b>None</b>       |

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Corporate Plan

1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

1.2 This report relates to (iv) and (v) above.

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

2.1 There are no capital resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

- 2.2 The revenue commitments arising from the routine maintenance of the new roads are detailed in the schedule. The amount of £27,585 for routine and cyclic maintenance, and additional expenditure on street cleaning, will require to be prioritised within the existing Housing & Environment Service Revenue Budget in future years.

### **3. Assessments**

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy (PPS) as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

#### External

- 4.2 A notice was placed in the local newspaper. No objections were received.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

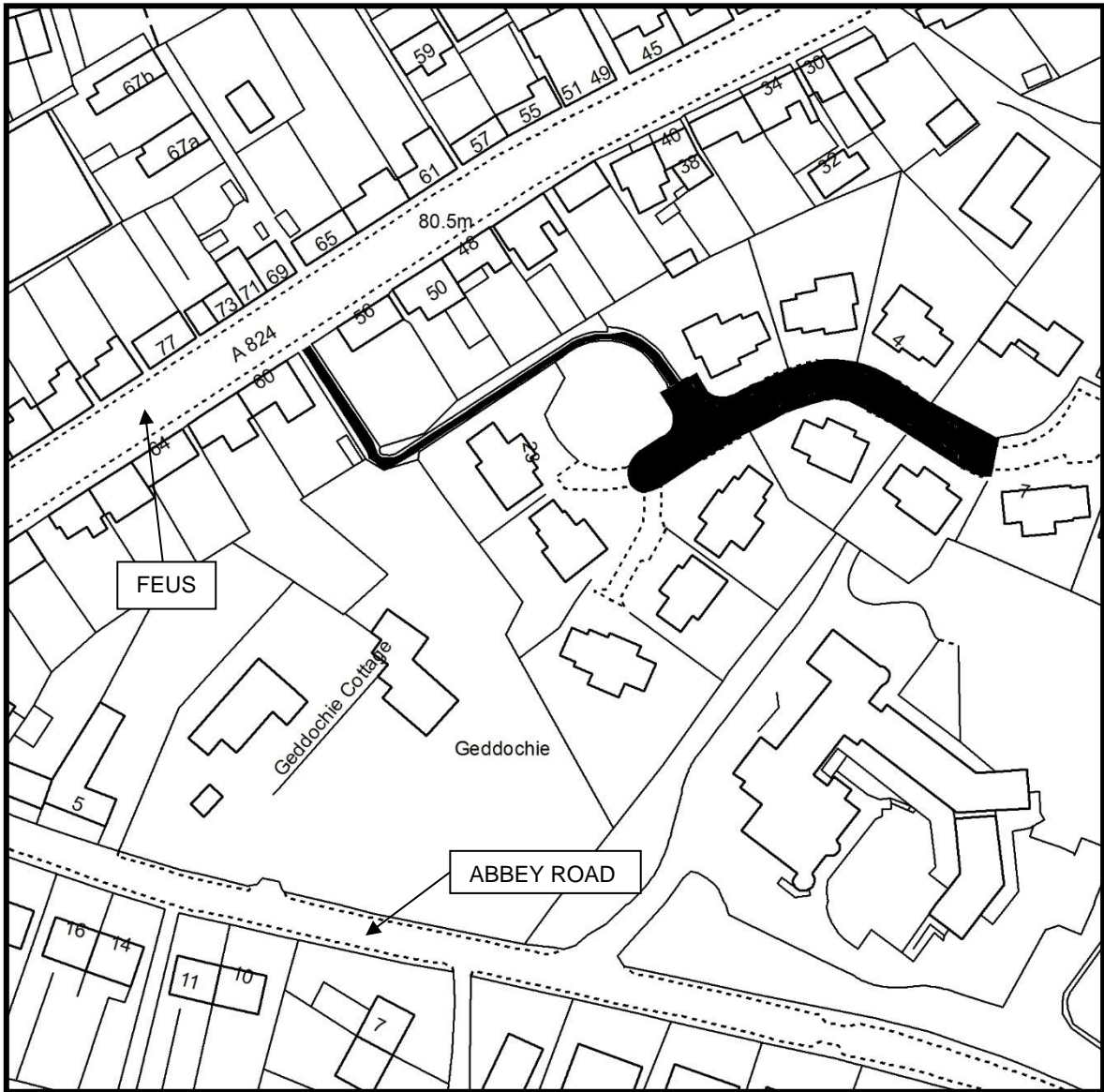
## **3. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Schedule for Additions to the List of Public Roads

## Schedule for Additions to the List of Public Roads

| Town          | Street Name                                                                          | Construction Consent No.   | Developer                      | Length       | Ward | Street Lighting Columns | Remarks                                                                 | Financial Implications |                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|               |                                                                                      |                            |                                |              |      |                         |                                                                         | Roads                  | Street Lighting |
| Auchterarder  | St Serf's Place                                                                      | CC/PK/15/07                | Stephen Gardiner Homes         | 97m          | 7    | 5                       |                                                                         | £2,178                 | £325            |
| Auchterarder  | St Serf's Place by number 8 to number 60 Feus                                        | CC/PK/15/07                | Stephen Gardiner Homes         | 104m         | 7    | 5                       | Remote footpath                                                         | £389                   | £325            |
| Perth         | Andrew Heiton Court                                                                  | CC/PK/15/03                | Caledonian Housing Association | 75m          | 12   | 4                       |                                                                         | £1,684                 | £260            |
| Perth         | Andrew Heiton Court remote footpaths leading to Caledonian Road and rear of 25 to 39 | CC/PK/15/03                | Caledonian Housing Association | 74m          | 12   | 3                       | Remote footpaths                                                        | £277                   | £195            |
| Perth         | Ethel Moorhead Place                                                                 | CC/PK/13/02                | Bellway Homes Scotland         | 211m         | 12   | 10                      |                                                                         | £4,737                 | £650            |
| Perth         | Frances Gordon Road                                                                  | CC/PK/13/02                | Bellway Homes Scotland         | 397m         | 12   | 15                      |                                                                         | £8,913                 | £975            |
| Perth         | Scoonieburn Hill                                                                     | CC/PK/13/02                | Bellway Homes Scotland         | 27m          | 12   | 1                       |                                                                         | £606                   | £65             |
| Perth         | Nimmo Avenue                                                                         | CC/PK/16/08<br>CC/PK/16/09 | Perth & Kinross Council        | 0m           | 11   | 0                       | Widening of existing footway for new housing developments               | £281                   | £0              |
| Stormontfield | Colenhaugh                                                                           | N/A                        | Frontagers                     | 255m         | 2    | 0                       | Upgraded to an adoptable standard as part of the unadopted roads policy | £5,725                 | £0              |
|               |                                                                                      |                            |                                |              |      |                         |                                                                         |                        |                 |
|               |                                                                                      |                            |                                |              |      |                         |                                                                         |                        |                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |                                                                                      |                            |                                | <b>1240m</b> |      | <b>43</b>               |                                                                         | <b>£24,790</b>         | <b>£2,795</b>   |

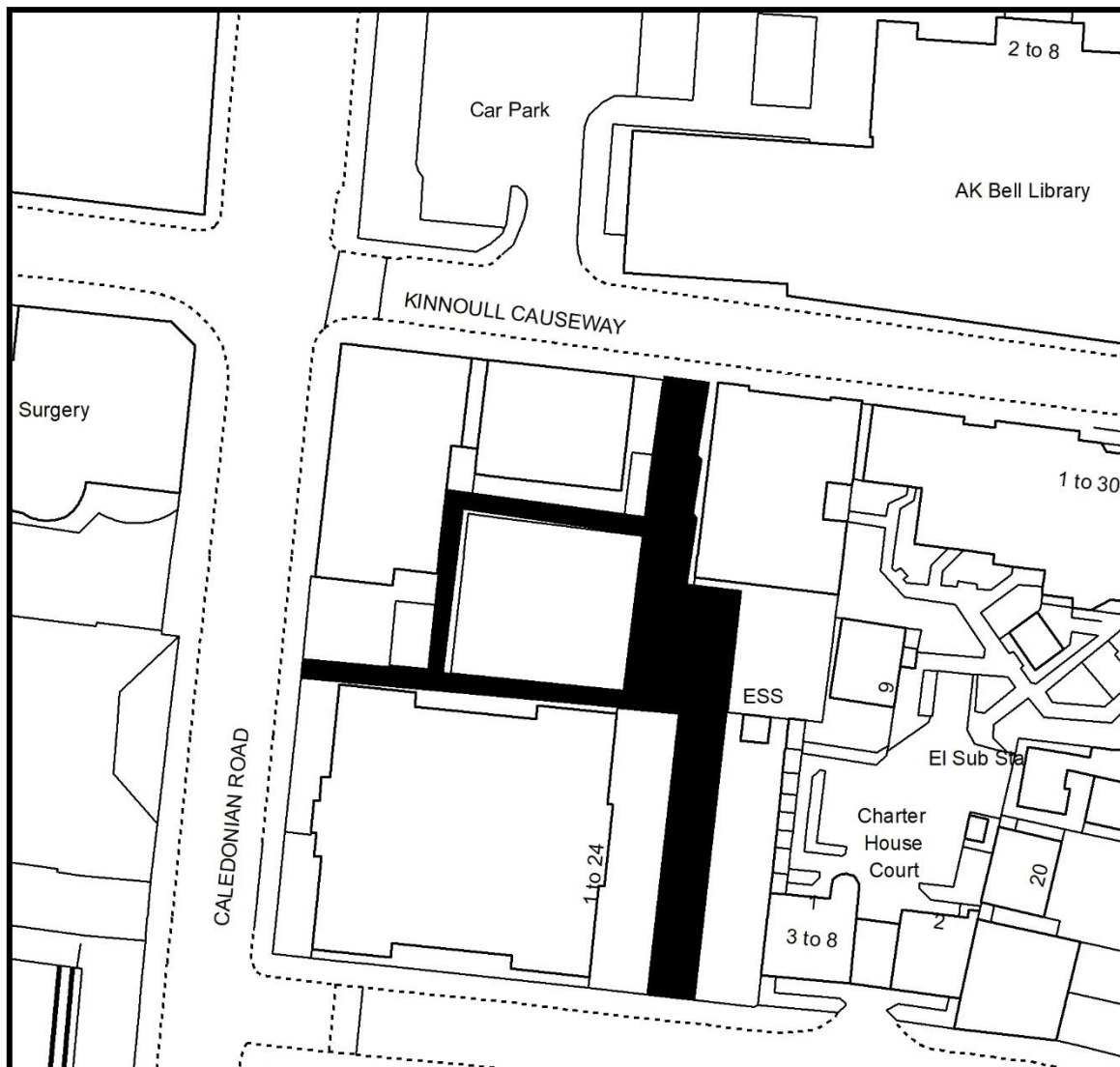
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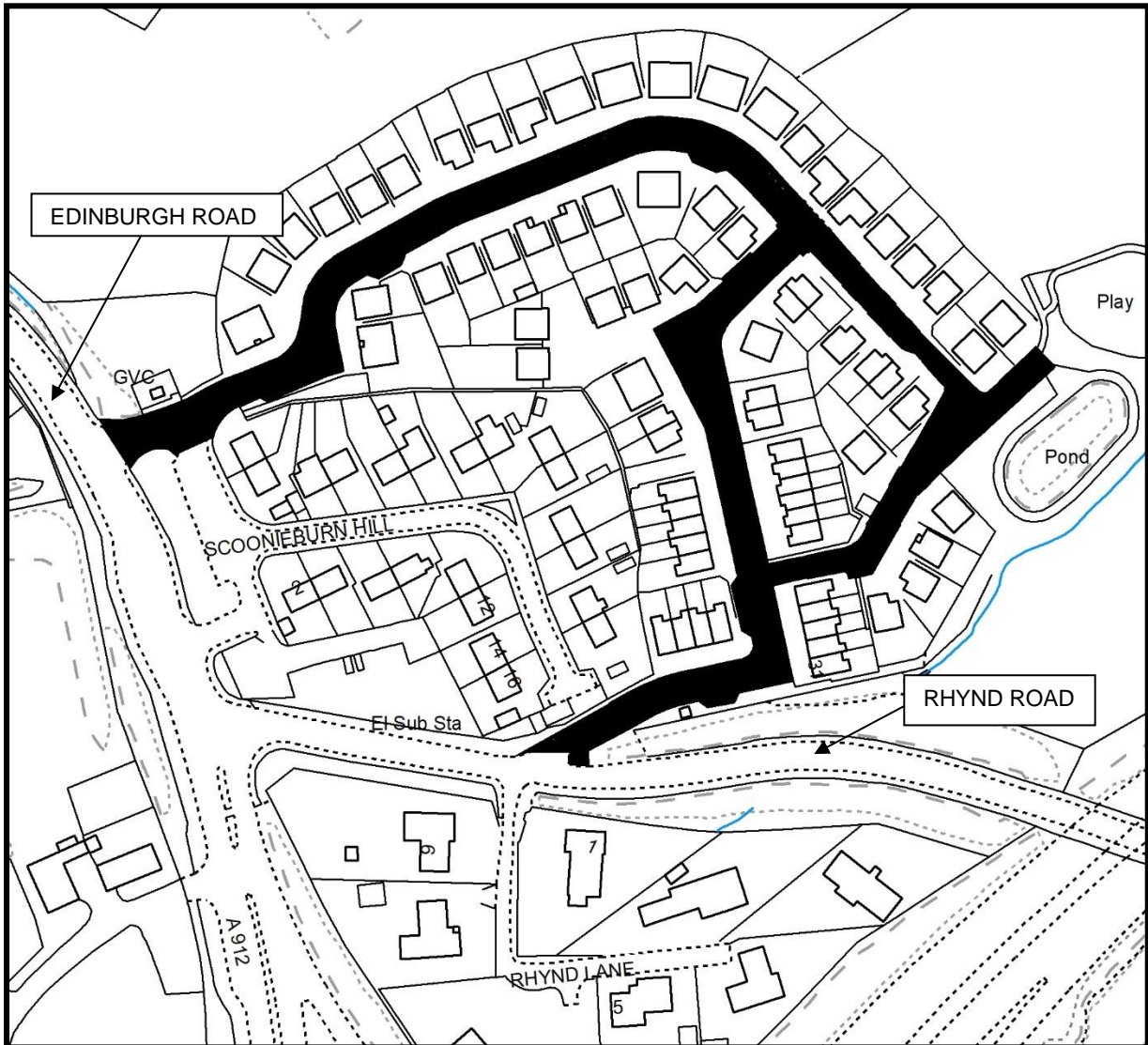


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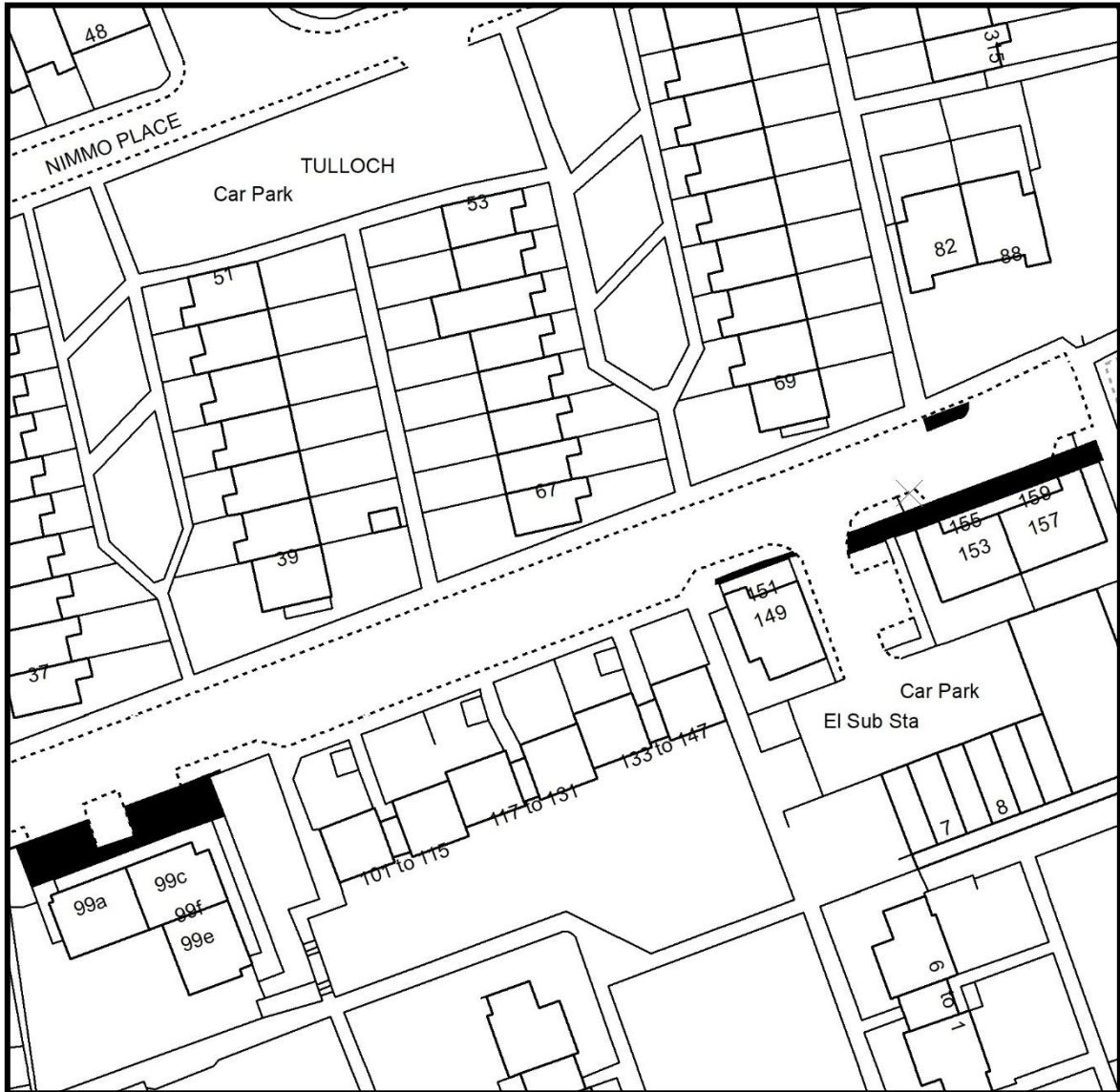
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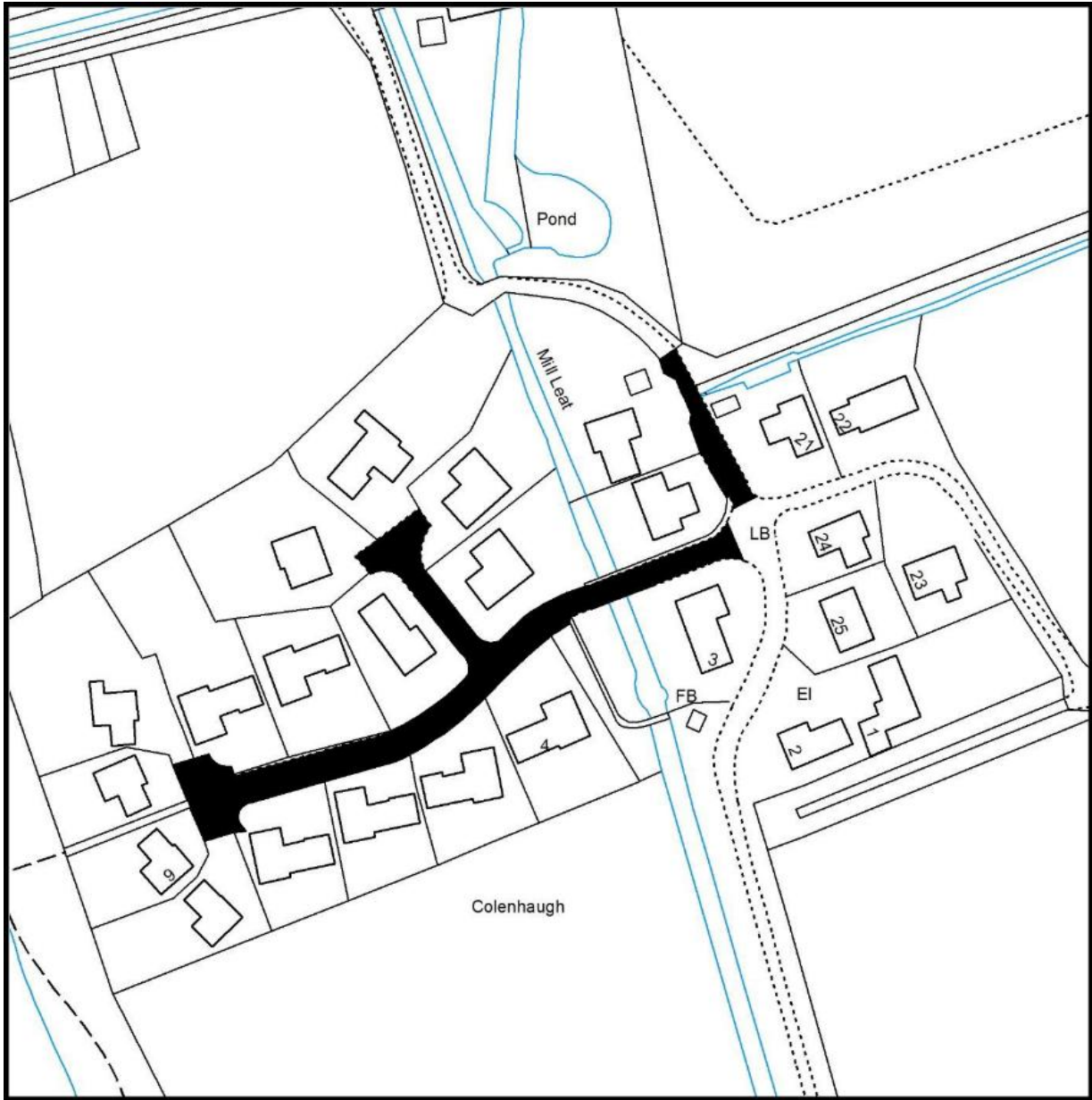
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Stormontfield



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