

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Communities, Housing and Infrastructure
DATE	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2015
DIRECTOR	PETE LEONARD
TITLE OF REPORT	ADOPTION OF PITFODELS STATION ROAD
REPORT NUMBER:	CHI/15/250
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To resolve the anomalous position regarding the maintenance of a road within the City.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee approve the adoption of Pitfodels Station Road in terms of Section 1(4) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and that this road be added to the Council's 'List of Roads' managed and maintained by the Council.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant financial implications arising from this Report as the road is in practice already maintained by the Council.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other significant implications arising from this Report.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

**Pitfodels Station Road**

As its name suggests, this road was originally laid out by the Great North of Scotland Railway to give access to the former station and the suburban train services between Culter and the City.

Growth of traffic in the Deeside area and developments in Garthdee result in it now being used by considerably greater volumes of traffic than is generated by the residents in the immediate area.

It is considered unreasonable to expect the frontagers to bear the cost of managing and maintaining this road. The Council itself, having

acquired the railway land and also the adjacent allotments, is a substantial frontager.

Grampian Regional Council took advantage of a scheme established by the former Aberdeen County Council to put the road into a category of 'surface maintenance'. This is suitable primarily for local access roads, such as where a farm steading has been developed into private housing. In an urban area it leads to administrative complications and effectively leads to the Council bearing the bulk of the costs of maintaining a road that is not adopted.

It was proposed to adopt this road at the E,P&I meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 but a late objection was received. This has been discussed with the objectors and Cllr. Boulton and has been satisfactorily resolved.

## 6. IMPACT

Corporate – There are no direct links to the Community Plan, the Single Outcome Agreement, the 5 year Corporate Business Plan, and individual Service Plans.

Public – The members of the public who are directly interested in the effect of this report, the frontagers of the affected road, have been notified in accordance with the procedure in terms of Section 1(4) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. No representations have been received.

A notice has also been published in a local newspaper and no representations have been received.

The users of the road will experience no change in the service offered as a result of the recommendation of this Report.

There are no Equality and Human Rights impacts arising from the recommendations of this Report.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There are no risks resulting from the recommendations of this Report.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers have been used in the preparation of this Report.

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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