

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Operational Delivery
DATE	6 th September 2018
REPORT TITLE	Notice of Motion by Councillor McLellan – Don Street and Cheyne Road Island Garden
REPORT NUMBER	OPE.18.128
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report responds to Councillor McLellan's notice of motion as approved by the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure committee of 16 January 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 note the actions undertaken to date and the consultation with the local community; and
- 2.2 agree that officers do not proceed with the permanent reinstatement of the island garden and trees at the corner of Don Street and Cheyne Road until such time as the contract, or any extensions to the contract, for a running event within Aberdeen City is concluded.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In August 2017, the inaugural Great Aberdeen Run was held in Aberdeen. The route for the run included Don Street and necessitated a significant reduction of the island area on Don Street at Cheyne Road. The reduction enabled the area to be temporarily resurfaced which enhanced the permeability of the route to accommodate the runners and lead vehicles.
- 3.2 The original island was constructed of granite kerbing, with a triple band of granite setts and exposed aggregate bollards, featuring established trees and shrubs. The replacement island is formed in rubberised (temporary) kerbing

with reflective bollards, planters containing shrubs and bedding plants, and a new semi-mature tree.

- 3.3 The motion noted that the island garden and trees at the corner of Don Street and Cheyne Road, within the Old Aberdeen conservation area were removed in July 2017; and instructed the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to carry out an options appraisal for this site in consultation with the Old Aberdeen Community Council, included in the options appraisal should be the costs and detail of finding out the long term solution for the site taking into account the needs of the Great Aberdeen Run and the local community, and thereafter report their findings to the most appropriate committee.
- 3.4 Aberdeen City Council has entered into a contract with the Great Run Company in partnership Visit Aberdeenshire, Aberdeen Inspired, and Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, to operate the Great Aberdeen Run for a 3-year period. This may be extended if the run is shown to be of value to the city.
- 3.5 The Partnership are keen to keep the routing for the half marathon new and interesting therefore this can change year on year to showcase the changing streetscape of Aberdeen. 2018's route will feature Broad Street and with each iteration the route will be adjusted to maintain the run distance. Don Street at Cheyne Road has not been incorporated into the route this year however it may be next year.
- 3.6 In view of the potential for Don Street to return to future year run routes, it is not practical to reinstate a permanent solution at the Don Street at Cheyne Road location, at this time.
- 3.7 Councillor McLellan has asked that options be developed and therefore officers have considered the needs of the run with those of the local community.
- 3.8 Consultation was carried out in a meeting of representatives from the Old Aberdeen community and the Old Aberdeen Community Council with senior officers from ACC representing the Planning and Roads Authorities. This was held on 23 January 2018.
- 3.9 A response was provided by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and infrastructure on 6th February 2018 which stated "the reinstatement will need to be considered once the future of the Great Aberdeen Run route is confirmed...".
- 3.10 The response also stated that "work is ongoing to replace the trees which would not require to be moved for further events. Temporary planters will be installed with various small plants, these will be able to be removed for, and replaced after, the next Great Aberdeen Runs." These works are now completed with one tree being installed in a permanent location.
- 3.11 Full Reinstatement option

A full reinstatement would be expected to include granite kerbing with a 3 sett deep granite border, exposed aggregate or similar bollards, the excavation of

the surface material beneath the island and replacement of topsoil and planting. The footway alongside the island would be reconstructed also.

Estimated cost - £10,000

The installation of these works will be subject to confirmation that this route will not be used for a future run event. This assurance cannot be given at present.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the reinstatement works would be £10,000, should the contract with the run company end.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	That the cost of these works can not be met by future year's budgets.	L	Provision could be made within any future contract with regards to the run.
Legal	Whilst there is no set route within the contract, if a full reconstruction is requested before the end of the current contract or any future extension to that contract, this will create restrictions on the running routes available.	L	The reinstatement of this island will reduce the routing options available to the run company and the resilience of the event to redirect runners in the event of an unexpected diversion being required. This could call into question the ability of the city to stage such an event.
Employee	n/a		
Customer	The expectations of the Old Aberdeen Community could be raised that the final reinstatement is imminent.	L	A consistent message has been made by Council officers that the changes will not be installed until there is confidence that the route is no longer required.

Environment	Any delay in replacing the garden island may reduce the diversity of species within the area.	L	Shrubs, bedding plants and a semi mature tree have been provided within the site to minimise the environmental impact.
Technology	n/a		
Reputational	n/a		

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	The Great Aberdeen Run is a popular event which is anticipated to create interest in and economic benefit for the City.
Prosperous Place	The garden island added the attractiveness of Don Street however the provisions within the temporary island will grow to provide a feature for the street.

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	
Organisational Design	
Governance	
Workforce	
Process Design	
Technology	
Partnerships and Alliances	

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Not required

Privacy Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

Appendix 1 – Photos of original layout at junction

Appendix 2 – Photos of current layout at junction

11. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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Appendix 1 – Photos of original layout at junction

View of Don Street from Cheyne Road side looking north



View of Don Street island looking south west



Appendix 2 – Photos of current layout at junction

View of Don Street from Cheyne Road side looking north



View of Don Street island looking south west

