

Appendix A: Scottish Executive Monitoring Return October 2006

SECTION 1 - General Questions and Core Path Plans: To cover the period 1st April 2006 to 30th September 2006

The purpose of this section of the form is to gather information on local access forums, outdoor access strategies and paths including core path plans.

Local Access Forums

1a) How many meetings have there been of the Local Access Forum(s) established under Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003? (If none note 'none') Please provide details in the box below:

Three – April, June and September 2006

Outdoor Access Strategy

2a) Does your authority have an Outdoor Access Strategy? **YES**

2b) If yes, when was it adopted? :
If 'in preparation' for the first time, when is it expected to be adopted?

MM/YYYY
09/2004

2c) When do you plan to review it? :

MM/YYYY
09/2007

Paths

3) Please record the total length of all paths and tracks signposted or waymarked for non-motorised access in the access authority area:

224
Kms

Core Paths Plan

4a) What are the access authority target dates for drawing up of a core paths plan?

| | |
|--|--------------|
| MM/YYYY | |
| Start of public ('informal') consultations | 10/05 |
| Start of section 18(1) ('formal') consultation | 04/07 |
| Adoption of core paths plan | 02/08 |

4b) If there has been any slippage in this target since your last return please provide details:

Not applicable

If the core path plan has not yet been adopted proceed to question 6.

5a) If the core path plan is adopted, please provide the total length of core paths:

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| Kms |
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5b) If the core path plan is adopted, please provide the length of core paths signposted or waymarked:

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| Kms |
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5c) If the core path plan is adopted, please provide the total length of core paths that the access authority maintains:

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| Kms |
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SECTION 2 - Exercise of duties and powers
For the period 1st April 2006 to 30th September 2006

The purpose of this section of the form is to gather information on the exercise of the various powers which the access authority has under Part 1 of the Act. When completing this section of the form, you may therefore wish to refer to the Act and to the guidance, which was issued by the Scottish Executive to all access authorities in February 2005.

6) Please provide the number of Orders made by the authority under section 11 of the Act which have exempted land from access rights for less than 6 days (include a description of the reasons for each):

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| Total number issued – 0 |
| Location , reason – Not applicable |

Please provide for this period:

7a) the number of written notices served under section 14 of the Act:

0

7b) the number of written notices served under section 15 of the Act:

0

8) the number of notices served under section 23 of the Act:

0

9) the number of land purchase agreements under section 16 of the Act:

0

10) the number of land purchase orders under section 16 of the Act:

0

11) the number of new path agreements concluded under section 21 of the Act:

0

11a) the number of new path orders concluded under section 22 of the Act

0

12) Judicial determination - Number of summary applications served on the access authority under section 28 of the Act:

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| Total number – 0 |
| Location , subject - Not applicable |

Appendix B: COAGS Round 2 Assessment (2006/07)

The following table highlights the applications that have been received for the second round of COAGS in 2006/07

| Organisation | Project title and outline | Project Cost | Funding requested |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| West Kilbride Environmental Group | Signage for Starling Wood and Doris' Garden Providing signage at/to Starling Wood and Doris' Garden (a community garden) to encourage the Community to utilise both sites | £500 (excluding volunteer labour to erect the signage) | £500 |
| The Holy Island Project | Path Maintenance Training To provide training to long term volunteers to allow the group to maintain the paths around the Island and improve their long-term sustainability | £500 | £500 |
| Fairlie Community Council | Signage to Fairlie Glen To provide signage to Fairlie Glen to encourage community/tourist use and compliment existing signage in the village. This project also includes an element of path maintenance through the use of a brush strimmer to clear the route | £426.51 (excluding volunteer labour to clear the route) | £426.51 |
| Ways to Walk | Health Walk Prescriptions To produce "prescription" flyers to encourage participation in guided and independent health walks in Kilbirnie, Beith and Dalry | £500 (excluding volunteer labour to distribute the flyers) | £500 |

Appendix C: CPPF/01/01

This discussion paper aims to assist the Forum's development of selection criteria for the core paths. Appendix 1 provides an example of a neighbouring Authority's selection criteria.

For North Ayrshire, the following information could potentially form part of a "sieving process" to select the paths for the core paths plan:

Outcome of Outdoor Access Toolkit survey

The frequency that paths are identified and the number of path survey forms for each route are being recorded as the paths are digitised. The survey forms also provide an indication of the frequency that the route is utilised. This will therefore provide an indication of the level of popularity of each route.

Community Planning Partnership: People's Panel Survey

Questions relating to outdoor access have been included in the People's Panel survey over the last few years. These provide an indication of the level of participation in outdoor access activities, the purpose and frequency of this activity and the preferred areas to do so. The previous two surveys have been provided and a copy of the access information from the Summer 2006 Report is attached as Appendix 2.

Current issues for North Ayrshire's communities

The main issues for each area could also be considered to highlight the priorities for each area at present and to examine the relation between this and the priorities set in the Outdoor Access Strategy. The types of issues that could be considered include:

- Car ownership
- Health related issues
- Unemployment
- Social inclusion/deprivation
- Community size
- Numbers of children walking and cycling to school (from School Travel Plan information)

Outdoor Access Strategy

The outcome of the access audit could be examined to identify how the routes identified relate to the priorities of the Outdoor Access Strategy. This would provide an opportunity to identify any there are any strong links to the Strategy or obvious gaps in the network. Examining the routes and relating them to the types/purposes of routes identified in key aims of the Strategy could potentially be a method to do this. For example the table below highlights the strategy aims, the types of route and the level of priority for each area:

| Strategy Aims | Examples of route types | Areas | | | | |
|--|---|-------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | Arran | Garnock valley | Irvine & Kilwinning | North Coast & Cumraes | Three Towns |
| To improve access to local employment opportunities. | Routes to work | L | H | M | L | H |
| To promote initiatives that encourage people to walk or cycle for journeys to school, work, and community facilities and between settlements. | Routes to school, local facilities and between settlements | H | H | H | H | H |
| To encourage increased use of public transport by promoting safe links to bus and railway stations. | Routes to bus and railway stations | M | M | M | M | M |
| To develop North Ayrshire as a quality destination for outdoor access activities including walking, cycling and horse riding. | Strategic multi purpose routes | M | M | M | M | M |
| To raise awareness of path networks, access areas and opportunities for outdoor access with local residents and visitors. | Locally accessible routes | H | M | M | H | M |
| To maximise the potential for access to the coast and open hills | Routes to the coast and open hill | H | H | M | H | M |
| To ensure that new and existing networks are linked to local communities | Routes linking communities and linking into networks from towns | H | H | H | H | H |
| To take into consideration the requirements of people of all ages and abilities and ensure safety issues are reflected in the location and design of access provision. | All abilities routes | M | M | M | M | M |
| To encourage initiatives and groups that develop community participation in outdoor access related activities and promote public access as a means of encouraging healthier lifestyles | Short routes close to communities and all abilities routes | M | H | M | M | H |
| To identify and cater equitably for the recreational requirements of different user groups. | Multi-purpose routes | M | M | M | M | M |
| To improve and encourage responsible recreational access around the principal settlements and in the wider countryside. | Routes close to towns and communities linking and linking into wider networks | M | H | M | M | H |
| To promote long distance routes and the linkage of existing networks | Long distance routes | M | M | M | M | M |
| To safeguard and enhance the natural, built and cultural heritage in the development, management and use of paths | Routes reducing pressure on environmentally sensitive areas | M | M | M | M | M |

Appendix 1: Examples of other Authority's selection criteria

South Ayrshire Council have developed their criteria through a focus group. The criteria they have chosen are as follows:

1. Multi use potential
2. Links to settlement and other areas
3. Links to amenities
4. Asset to land management
5. Availability of intended use
6. Avoids adverse impacts
7. Access to features of interest
8. Tourism/visitor potential
9. Circular routes for recreational users
10. Community demand