

REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
21 FEBRUARY 2005

REPORT ON: BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE - WEIGHT LIMIT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 2-2005

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committees approval to promote a Traffic Regulation Order in order to impose a more stringent weight limit on Bridge Street following its reassessment.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the preparation of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the current maximum gross weight restrictions on Bridge Street Bridge to 3 tonnes from the current 7.5 tonnes.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of replacing the existing signing was £1,000 and has been provided from the Council's Risk Management Budget.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The reduction of the weight limits is necessary to preserve safety for all.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications associated with this report.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 **Bridge Street Bridge** carries Bridge Street over the Dundee - Aberdeen railway line. The current permanent weight limit of 7.5 tonnes was introduced in November 1999.
- 6.2 The bridge has recently been reassessed and found to require a reduction in its load carrying capacity to 3 tonnes. Consequently a temporary weight limit of 3tonnes was introduced on 3 January 2005.
- 6.3 This bridge is owned by Network Rail and under the Transport Act 1968 they are responsible for its structural maintenance up to 24 tonnes, Dundee City Council however would be responsible for any strengthening above 24 tonnes and up to current day standards of 40 tonnes. Due to the limited financial resources of both parties and the availability of alternative routes, strengthening or replacement of this bridge is of a lower priority than other weight restricted bridges. As an interim measure, until funding becomes available, it is proposed to make the weight limit permanent at this time.
- 6.4 An exemption to the Traffic Regulation Order will be provided to enable emergency access for ambulances.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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