



REPORT TO BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE – 18 APRIL 2017

ROAD RENUMBERING AND RECLASSIFICATION

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **consider, comment on, and/or make recommendations to Infrastructure Services Committee on the draft road renumbering and reclassification proposals appended to this report.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Under the provisions of section 11 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Scottish Ministers may classify a road or proposed road from time to time in such manner as they may determine after consultation with any roads authority in whose area the road is, or will be, situated. This duty is administered by Transport Scotland which holds lists of A and B class roads and allocates numbers to them. In practice, classification and numbering proposals are normally drawn up by local roads authorities and submitted to Transport Scotland for approval.
- 2.2 The construction of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road and Balmedie to Tippetry trunk road scheme will involve significant changes in the surrounding local road network. Some reclassification and renumbering will be necessary in order to maintain a rational hierarchy of through routes for A and B class roads.
- 2.3 At the same time, the opportunity has been taken to review the other A and B class routes within Aberdeenshire to identify locations where changes in use mean that the historic numbering system is no longer appropriate. A number of anomalies have been identified, many of long standing, arising for example from the closure of railways in the 1960s. In some cases, the signage already reflects current usage and road users would probably be unaware that the roads involved were still technically A or B class roads. In other cases, changes in the surrounding road network, for example new by-passes or distributor roads, have meant that renumbering will be desirable to give a logical system of numbered through routes.
- 2.4 The proposals for renumbering and reclassification are appended to this report. They affect the Aberdeenshire Areas as follows:
 - Banff and Buchan – Aberchirder, Banff, Fraserburgh & Portsoy;
 - Buchan - Peterhead;
 - Formartine – AWPR / Balmedie-Tippetry;
 - Garioch – Inverurie;
 - Marr – Huntly, Torphins.

Plans relevant to this area committee are appended to the report

- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B.1.2 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the proposed matter on which comments are invited prior to its consideration by Infrastructure Services Committee for determination would impact on the Buchan Area.

4 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has not been carried out as part of the development of the proposals set out above as the classification and numbering of roads does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 New signage will be included in existing programmes and should not result in any additional expenditure.

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