

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

28 NOVEMBER 1995

A92 MONTROSE INNER RELIEF ROAD

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

Tayside Regional Council Roads and Transport Department have recently received tenders for the Montrose Inner Relief Road project. This report puts forward a recommendation for Angus Council to concur with Tayside Regional Council's tender acceptance recommendation in light of the future financial implications to the Council post April 1996 and in accordance with the requirements of section 55 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that :

- (i) the Committee in accordance with section 55 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 agree to the awarding of the contract by Tayside Regional Council to Messrs Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd with an amended tender total of £3,205,516-21.
- (ii) the Committee note the suggested future financial implications to Angus Council based on the contractor's submitted programme of 44 weeks (as opposed to the 65 week programme in Tayside Regional Council's Roads and Transport Committee Report of 21 November).
- (iii) the Committee note that there will require to be a further report submitted at a later date with respect to the agreement of landscaping costs in light of Scottish Enterprises forthcoming meeting of their National Board later in December.

2. INTRODUCTION

Tender documents were issued to an approved list of contractors following the Tayside Regional Council's Roads and Transport Committee meeting of 11 October 1995. Tenders have now been returned and Tayside Regional Council Roads and Transport Committee on 21 November have recommended acceptance of a tender submitted by Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd., subject to funding from Scottish Enterprise Tayside being in place for environmental landscaping works.

Angus Council Roads Committee at its meeting of 11 October 1995 (item 6) noted the position of the A92 Montrose Inner Relief Road project at that time. These details update that position in light of the receipt of tenders for the project.

3. DETAILS

- (i) The lowest tender was submitted by Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd. in the sum of £3,205,516-21.
- (ii) Scottish Enterprise Tayside may be providing funding for environmental landscaping on the project to a pre-tender estimated value of £650,000. However, this element of funding is not yet in place and will be considered by Scottish Enterprise Tayside at their National Board meeting later in December.

Furthermore, analysis of the lowest tender received from Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd. has indicated that the environmental landscaping costs which may be funded by SET will be of the order of £760,000 some £110,000 greater than the envisaged contribution from Scottish Enterprise Tayside.

- (iii) Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd. have suggested a contract programme of 44 weeks, whereas the envisaged time for completion in the contract document was 65 weeks. This clearly has an impact on the likely financial spends in the coming and future financial years.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The figures below show the envisaged projected expenditure (based on best estimates) and the likely projected expenditure (based on tender submission by Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd.)

Expenditure	Estimated Projected Expenditure	Estimated Projected Expenditure based on tender submitted by Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) for 44 week completion
Prior to 31 March 1995	854	854
1995/96	680	680
1996/97	2,600	3,256
1997/98	686	100
1998/99	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4,890</u>	<u>4,890</u>

The projected expenditure based on Balfour Beatty Construction (Scotland) Ltd spend profile has been reflected in the current Roads Financial Plan submission.

5. CONSULTATION

The Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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Note: The following background papers, as defined by section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing this report :-

Tayside Regional Council - Roads & Transport Committee Meeting of 21 November 1995
- Report No. 1538/95.

Angus Council - Roads Committee Meeting of 11 October 1995 - Report No. AC100/95

