

ANGUS COUNCIL**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE****25 APRIL 1996****SUBJECT: ARBROATH ENVIRONMENTAL MASTERPLAN****REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Abstract: Scottish Enterprise Tayside in consultation with its partners intends appointing consultants to prepare an environmental masterplan for Arbroath. This report advises the Committee of the extent and remit of this Commission.

1 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and to await a further report on the resultant environmental masterplan in due course.

2 INTRODUCTION

Over the last few years a number of consultancy studies have been undertaken in Arbroath. These studies have been concerned mainly with developing elements of the local economy but several have identified opportunities and/or needs for environmental improvements. There was however felt to be the need to pull these together into an overall co-ordinated programme.

3 CONSULTANT'S REMIT

- 3.1 The consultants will produce an overall masterplan for widespread environmental improvements throughout Arbroath and, in particular, to prepare high quality concept designs for a number of identified locations. The masterplan will contain budget costs and programmes for the concept designs.
- 3.2 The specific locations identified are the approaches to the town, the seafront (including the Signal Tower Museum and Arbroath Football Club), the harbour, the Abbey/Guthrie Port, the dual carriageway, the lower High Street, the Pedestrian Precinct and West Port. The consultants will also be required to consider more general elements such as opportunities for themed shop signs, floodlighting and public art.
- 3.3 Consultations with a variety of community groups will be undertaken during the course of the study and the consultants will present their masterplan to different groups including Angus Council in due course. Thereafter, it is the intention that a phased programme of works will be prepared for implementation over the next few years subject of course to available resources from the various funding partners.

- 3.4 Although the consultants will be employed by Scottish Enterprise Tayside, the relevant departments of Angus Council (Planning, Roads and Recreation Services) have been consulted on the preparation of the brief and have been invited to attend the interviews of the consultants who have submitted fee bids.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that the successful consultants will be appointed in May 1996 and that the study should be undertaken over a 12 week period. That being the case, the masterplan should be available for presentation by early August 1996.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications on the Council at this time. That said, the programme of works emanating from the masterplan may have financial implications but these will be assessed within a further report in due course.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Directors of Law and Administration, Finance, Roads and Recreation Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

There is no doubt that the various locations in Arbroath which have been highlighted would greatly benefit from inclusion in a co-ordinated programme of environmental improvements. The commissioning of consultants by Scottish Enterprise Tayside is the first but vital stage in this process and should be welcomed.

Further, the preparation of the environmental masterplan ties in well with Angus Council's involvement in the PACTE programme with Corfu, Sienna and Rithimno and could be of great assistance in the programme.

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NOTE

No 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 any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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