

ANGUS COUNCIL**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE
ROADS COMMITTEE****11 JUNE 1998
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STREETSCAPE DESIGNS - UPDATE****JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF
ROADS**

Abstract: This report updates the Committee on the streetscape designs for Montrose town centre and outlines the proposed timescale for implementation.
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1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) notes the outcome of the presentation of the streetscape designs to the Montrose Area Forum;
- (b) notes the financial implications of proceeding with the project;
- (c) authorises the Director of Roads in conjunction with the Director of Property Services to proceed with the preparation of more detailed designs and budget costs; and
- (d) authorises the Directors of Planning, Roads and Finance to put together a funding package for consideration at the next Committee meeting on 27 August 1998.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following Committee approval in principle of the streetscape designs in April, they were presented to the Montrose Area Forum on 27 May 1998. Overall, the proposals were well received and there were no adverse comments. In fact, the Council was congratulated for preparing a scheme which took account of public opinion.

3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 As highlighted in the previous Committee report, it would be very difficult to phase the project over several financial years without causing significant disruption. Ideally, the works should be undertaken as a single contract spread over two financial years but this, of course, would mean that the funding shortfall of around £500,000 would have to be met fully in next financial year.

- 3.2 The estimated cost of the project in £750,000 inclusive of fees but this is based on conceptual designs only and must be treated with caution. In view of the likely financial implications on the Council, it is suggested that more detailed designs and cost estimates should be prepared before the project is given final consideration by Committee. These designs would be prepared by the Director of Roads in conjunction with the Director of Property Services.
- 3.3 Based on the above, it is considered that proceeding to the tendering stage in the autumn of this year with a view to a site start in January 1999 would be desirable. This broad programme would allow adequate time for the more detailed designs and cost estimate to be prepared during the summer recess and be presented to the Committee meeting in August. The proposed funding package and the programme of implementation would also be presented for consideration.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A total of £145,000 is contained within the Planning and Roads Capital Programmes for the current financial year (£70,000 in Planning and £75,000 in Roads). The fees associated with the preparation of the more detailed designs can be met from this allocation.
- 4.2 As stated earlier, the financial implications of proceeding with the project will be reported to the Committee in August 1998.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Recreation Services and Director of Property Services have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

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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