

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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FOOTWAYS, LIGHTING AND ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
UTILISATION OF ROADS RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND

**JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS
AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

ABSTRACT

This report considers utilising the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund for the provision of a number of footways and lighting projects required on the grounds of pedestrian safety and road reconstruction works required to prevent potentially dangerous situations from arising.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to -

- (i) the provision of the footway and lighting projects as listed in Appendix A
- (ii) the carriageway reconstruction projects as listed in Appendix B
- (iii) note the estimated total cost of £885K can be met by utilising the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund
- (iv) delegate authority to the Directors of Roads and Finance to manage overall expenditure within the existing capital programme and Roads Renewal and Repair Fund for elements of new provision

- (v) the retention of at least £250,000 in the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund as a contingency sum
- (v) note that the possibility of contributing further resources to the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund will be considered during the current financial year and the 1998/99 budget exercise.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Roads Committee has previously considered, at the meeting of 5 June 1997, not to carry out a number of footway renewals and repairs in light of ongoing financial constraints. Renewal and repairs of certain street lighting have also had to be held back for similar reasons.

It is now considered appropriate to utilise the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund to expedite a number of urgently required footway, lighting and carriageway reconstruction schemes.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1 The schemes identified in Appendix A represent the top priority footway and lighting works which require to be carried out, the estimated total cost of which is £375,000. Although previously deferred, the projects are now considered essential to address concerns for public safety. An element of these projects involves new provision which is not normally met directly from the Renewal and Repair Fund. Accordingly it will be necessary to transfer appropriate similar Renewal and Repair type expenditure to the Renewal and Repair Fund to allow this new provision to be contained within existing capital programme provision. This virement exercise will be managed through close co-operation between the Director of Roads and the Director of Finance.
- 3.2 The schemes identified in Appendix B represent the top priority carriageway reconstruction projects which require to be carried out at an estimated total

cost of £510,000. These projects require to be executed immediately to avoid the need for more substantial and costly works at a future date and to avert potentially dangerous situations from arising.

- 3.3 As a contingency to help assist the works programme in the event that resources need to be diverted to deal with a harsh winter it is considered appropriate to retain a sum of at least £250,000 in the Roads Renewal and Repair Fund in the meantime.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	£000's
Existing uncommitted R & R Fund balance as at 31 December 1997	1,085
Anticipated interest earned to 31 March 1998	55 (estimate)
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	1,140
Schemes identified in Appendix A	(375)
Schemes identified in Appendix B	(510)
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Projected uncommitted R & R Fund balance	255

It is anticipated that all of this expenditure will be committed in the 1997/98 financial year, however monies may not be actually expended on all of these projects until the 1998/99 financial year.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and the Director of Law and Administration have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

The projects identified in Appendices A and B, although previously deferred due to budgetary constraints are now considered essential in order to address the issues identified within this report. The opportunity should now be taken to commit this required programme by utilising the existing Roads Renewal and Repair Fund.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Angus Council Roads Committee - 5 June 1997 - Report No. 648/97.

GJS/JSG
21 January 1998
REPORTS/footways.proj

FOOTWAY AND LIGHTING PROJECTS

Location	Project Type	Estimated Cost £
A933 Colliston near Arbroath	Footway	79,000
Eassie School	Footway	35,000
"The Ditches", Carnoustie	Footway/ Lighting	152,000
Kirkton Road/Forfar Road Junction, Arbroath	Lighting	21,000
Montrose Seafront	Lighting	88,000
	Total	<u>375,000</u>

APPENDIX B

ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Location	Estimated Cost £
Dundee Street, Letham	121,000
Kirkton Road, Arbroath - North of Cairnie Depot	80,000
Robertson Terrace, Forfar	138,000
Bankhead Road, Forfar	91,000
Ferguson Avenue, Brechin	39,000
North Union Street, Monifieth	41,000
Total	<u>510,000</u>