

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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**UPDATE ON THE UTILISATION OF THE ROADS AND TRANSPORT
RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND
FOR STREET LIGHTING AT MONTROSE SEAFRONT**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS**ABSTRACT**

This Report updates the Roads Committee on the Montrose Seafront Street Lighting Project to be carried out using the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund as detailed in Report No. 123/98 (agreed at Roads Committee of 29th January 1998) and recommends that footway reconstruction work be carried out in conjunction with the street lighting scheme extended to include the Seafront Improvement.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to note the delays encountered in completing the co-ordinated design of the proposed street lighting improvement at Montrose Seafront;
- (ii) to the provision of new street lighting along the full length of Traill Drive up to and including the Montrose Seafront Environmental Improvement Project;
- (iii) to the reconstruction of the existing footway along Traill Drive up to the extents of the Montrose Seafront Environmental Improvement to be funded from projected capital slippage at an estimated cost of £62,000.

2 INTRODUCTION

The Montrose Seafront street lighting improvement was included in the original Report No. 123/98 presented to the Roads Committee on 29th January 1998 however this project could not be actioned immediately due to the fact that it impacted on the Montrose Seafront Environmental Improvement Project.

3 DETAILS

Street lighting was discussed during the feasibility study associated with the Montrose Seafront Environmental Improvement Project but was not considered appropriate due to the remoteness of the Seafront from other existing street lighting systems in Montrose and due to the anticipated minimal night-time activity at the Seafront.

However subsequent requests for street lighting from the local community during the project's construction and after the project's completion have resulted in a re-appraisal of the original decision.

Due to the fact that street lighting is now to be installed under the Roads Renewal and Repair Funding arrangement along the length of Traill Drive which will result in a continuous system of street lighting up to the Seafront, and due to the unforeseen problems associated with malicious damage of the street furniture and play equipment installed at the Seafront and the general concerns pertaining to safety in this area, it is now felt prudent to include the Seafront in the street lighting project.

As a consequence of the street lighting improvement in Traill Drive it is also felt prudent to carry out a reconstruction of the existing footway due to the anticipated disturbance that will be caused by the street lighting work and the poor state of this footway at present. The estimated cost of this footway reconstruction work is £62,000 and it is proposed that this be funded from identified slippage in the current year Capital programme for Bridge Assessment and Bridge Strengthening.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund

Montrose Seafront Lighting Project as detailed in Report No. 123/98	£88,000
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Capital

Footway Reconstruction	£62,000
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Funded from take-up of identified slippage in the current programmes for Bridge Assessment and Bridge Strengthening.

A combined street lighting/footway reconstruction project will be put out to tender and it is anticipated that all of this expenditure will be committed in the 1998/99 financial year. The Capital funding will be utilised first to ensure that the Capital programme expenditure is met on a cash basis in the current financial year.

Revenue

The loan charges arising from the above capital borrowing will amount to £7,300 over 20 years. Provision for on-going maintenance of the new street lighting will need to be contained in future years' Roads Department Revenue Budgets.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Planning and Transport, the Director of Recreation Services and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

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:-

Report No 123/98 - Footways, Lighting and Road Reconstruction Projects - Utilisation of Roads Renewal and Repair Fund - Roads Committee 29 January 1998.

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