

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

23 NOVEMBER 1999

SUBJECT: CARNOUSTIE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**Abstract:** This report presents the proposed environmental improvements to the "Black Slab" car park at The Links, Carnoustie. It sets out the proposed programme for consultation and implementation of the proposals.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) approves the proposed environmental improvements to the "Black Slab" car park as outlined in this report at an estimated cost of £90,000, inclusive of fees; and
- (b) subject to the successful outcome of the public consultation, authorises the Director of Property Services to seek competitive tenders for the works with a view to reporting back to the Committee on 27 January 2000.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Members will recall that a range of environmental improvements throughout Carnoustie were approved in October 1998. The majority of the improvements were implemented prior to the "Open" as planned but it was agreed previously that the improvements to the "Black Slab" car park, the pedestrian links to the hotel and the upgrading of the promenade walkway would be deferred until after the "Open". The R. & A. have now completed the reinstatement works at the Links and the proposed works to the "Black Slab" and the pedestrian links can therefore proceed. It is recommended that the upgrading of the promenade walkway be delayed as it will be affected by the Tay Waste Water Project.

**3 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

- 3.1 The proposed improvements to the "Black Slab" have been refined but do not differ greatly from those approved previously. Main features include the construction of raised traffic islands at the entrance and at the ends of the parking bays, the introduction of pedestrian crossing points/speed tables on the road leading to the "Black Slab" and within the car park itself, the upgrading of the footpath along the front (seaward) and the provision of new bench seats. These works are aimed at improving the appearance of the area by breaking up the large expanse of tarmac but will also act as traffic calming measures.
- 3.2 It is also proposed to construct permanent footpath links between the "Black Slab" and the golfers car park/Links Parade and the hotel/starter's box. The temporary footpath link to the starter's box would be removed and the area reseeded.

#### 4 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 4.1 Widespread public consultation was undertaken last year, including presentations to the Area Forum, and the range of proposed improvements were generally well received. However, in view of the lapse in time, it would be appropriate to consult again with the Community Council before proceeding.
- 4.2 Assuming that the Community Council supports the proposed improvements, competitive tenders would be sought by the Director of Property Services during December 1999/January 2000 with a view to the tender report being submitted to Committee on 27 January 2000. This would allow a contract to be let during the current financial year thus securing Scottish Enterprise Tayside's contribution to the works (see Financial Implications).

#### 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total estimated cost of the various projects throughout Carnoustie (including those referred to above) was £345,000. The agreed funding package is:-

Angus Council	£123,000
Scottish Enterprise Tayside	100,000
Links Management Committee	11,000
E.R.D.F.	<u>120,000</u>
	<b><u>£354,000</u></b>

Angus Council's contribution of £123,000 is to be met from the overall allowance of £154,000 in the Council's Local Capital Fund for this project.

- 5.2 The total cost of the projects implemented to date is approximately £207,000 leaving a balance of uncommitted funds of £147,000. The estimated cost of the works to the "Black Slab" and the pedestrian links is £90,000 inclusive of fees and can therefore be met from this balance.

#### 6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Property Services, Director of Recreation Services and Director of Roads were 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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