

## ANGUS COUNCIL

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

20 APRIL 1999

### SUBJECT: PLANNING & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT YEAR 2000 PROGRESS

### REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

**Abstract: This report presents a resume of the current position in the Department of Planning & Transport with regard to problems with the date change to 2000.**

#### 1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Planning & Transport Policy Committee notes the contents of this report.

#### 2 PROGRESS

2.1 To co-ordinate work on the Year 2000 issue the Council established a Project Group with representatives from all Departments. The Planning & Transport Department has fully participated in this group.

2.2 In order to establish the scale of the problems risk assessment was undertaken for all core activities in all Departments. Within Planning & Transport there were three main areas which would require consideration. These are:-

- Property including access, heating and security;
- Communications including telephone, fax and computer facilities;
- Transport including buses, taxis and staff cars.

An attempt was made to realistically prioritise these issues, bearing in mind the other priorities within the Council.

2.3 In relation to property matters these were all issues which will be the responsibility of Property Services Department and would be progressed corporately.

2.4 All hardware in the Department of Planning & Transport is connected to Angus Council NT Domain. Information Technology Department will therefore be responsible for checking all of these PC's. While all PC's in the Department are fairly new it is hoped that there will be minimal problems. Most software used is standard MS Office package (Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint) and the new Building Control/Development Control system, Uniform, is Year 2000 compliant. All other major systems used in the Department are corporate systems e.g. Integra.

2.5 Informal discussions have taken place with two of the major transport operators in the area. These indicated that they have been following similar procedures to our own. External consultants have been checking office systems and buses.

- 2.6 Information Technology Department has established a corporate system to enable letters to be issued to critical suppliers. The Planning & Transport Department has been issuing formal letters to a small number of critical suppliers and transport providers and to date no problems have been identified.

### **3 CONSULTATION**

- 3.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Finance and Director of Information Technology have been consulted in 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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