

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2009

UTILISATION OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIRS FUND FOR
2009/2010

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report proposes the allocation of part of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund in the current financial year.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes and approves the utilisation of Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair as set out in Appendix A to this report for:
- i) Carriageway and footway surfacing works to the value of £1,000,000
 - ii) Street lighting upgrade/replacement works to the value of £200,000
 - iii) Bridgeworks to the value of £250,000
 - iv) Public Transport provision £25,000
 - v) Traffic Infrastructure to the value of £50,000
 - vi) Arbroath Harbour miscellaneous metalwork to the value of £10,000

2 DETAILS

- 2.1 Angus Council holds various earmarked reserves within General Fund balances as part of the Council's financial management strategy. These include a number of Renewal and Repair Funds, of which Roads and Transport is one. The Renewal and Repair Funds permit expenditure to be incurred which may be required from time to time in repairing, maintaining, replacing and renewing any buildings, works, equipment or articles belonging to the Council. This is particularly in relation to expenditure of a non-recurring or extraordinary nature. The Renewal and Repair Funds provide flexibility in the use of resources as any unspent balance can be retained within the Fund for use in subsequent financial years. The Council has established minimum contingency balances to be retained on the Funds at levels which are considered sufficient to ensure that any expenditure of an emergency nature that may arise during the financial year can be addressed.
- 2.2 At the Special Meeting of Angus Council on 19 February 2009 the Council allocated £1,757,000 to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for 2009/10.
- 2.3 There is a requirement to maintain a minimum balance of £100,000 as a contingency for emergencies (Report No 937/00 Policy & Resources Committee of 5 September 2000 refers).
- 2.4 The annual interest due to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for 2008/09 has been estimated as £45,000. In addition due to the above average winter experienced in 2008/09, an amount of the 2008/09 Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund was retained in reserve to accommodate an overspend in the winter maintenance budgets. The final budget outturns are to be confirmed as

part of the finalisation of the 2008/09 Annual Accounts. However at this time whilst there is an overspend in the winter maintenance budget it is anticipated that there will be an uncommitted balance in the order of £150,000 in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund at the end of 2008/09.

- 2.5 It is proposed to allocate £1,535,000 to the works listed in Appendix A as prioritised by the Head of Roads. This will leave in excess of £400,000 above the minimum balance in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund from 2008/09 carry over, interest and uncommitted 2009/10 allocation. This balance may be allocated later in the financial year dependent upon priorities at that time. The agreed minimum reserve balance of £100,000 will be maintained.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposals detailed in this report will draw down £1,535,000 from the estimated available balances for 2009/10 within the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund whilst maintaining the required minimum reserve balance the fund.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

6 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 6.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

- Communities in Angus are safe, secure and vibrant.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Head of Finance, and the Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report seeks approval for the utilisation of a proportion of the available balances in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for 2009/10 for the projects listed in Appendix A.

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NOTE:

The following 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 this Report:-

No 937/00 – Renewal & Repairs Funds Policy Statements - Policy & Resources Committee of 5 September 2000

Roads/IAC/PP
23 March 2009
REPORTS/rr fund09-10

APPENDIX A

Utilisation of Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for 2009/10

Footway/Carriageway Schemes	
Grampian Gardens, Arbroath, Footway & Carriageway	153,000
Dronley Road, Birkhill, Footway & Carriageway	155,000
Viewmount, Forfar, Footway & Carriageway	130,000
Lindsay Street, Kirriemuir, Carriageway	150,000
The Den, Letham, Carriageway	50,000
Ferry Road, Monifieth, Carriageway	202,000
Moven Ave; Tollmount Cres; Lunan Ave, Montrose, Footway & Carriageway	160,000
Sub-Total	£1,000,000
Street Lighting Works	
Renewal of life Expired Columns as per Report 187/09	24,000
Dronley Road, Birkhill	25,000
Redfield Crescent, Montrose	15,000
Kinloch St & Lomond Drive Area, Carnoustie	46,000
Lindsay Street, Kirriemuir	30,000
Hospitalfield Area Arbroath	50,000
Rosemount Forfar (Street Lighting)	10,000
Sub-Total	£200,000
Bridgeworks	
Culvert Repairs, Glamis	72,000
Bridges (various repair works) – Contract No.20	74,000
Bridges (various repair works) – Contract No.21	54,000
Culvert Repairs various	50,000
Sub-Total	£250,000
Public Transport Infrastructure	
Associated Bus Infrastructure (Shelters, poles, flags, hardstanding)	
Sub-Total	£25,000
Traffic Infrastructure	
Renewal of traffic signs B roads	
Sub-Total	£50,000
Arbroath Harbour – repair/replacement of miscellaneous metalwork – ladders, rails etc	
Sub-Total	£10,000
Total	£1,535,000