AGENDA ITEM NO 16  
REPORT NO 389/11  

ANGUS COUNCIL  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE 31 MAY 2011  
UTILISATION OF TRANSPORT CAPITAL 2011/12  
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT: This report seeks authority to utilise the currently 'not yet legally committed' Transport capital budget for 2011 - 2012 to deliver infrastructure improvements on the Forfar – Brechin – Montrose/Laurencekirk corridors within Angus to improve passenger waiting facilities, speed up passenger pick-up/set-down times and improve service reliability.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree to the capital expenditure as detailed in this report.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report details proposed schemes to benefit from the £65,000 capital allocation for public transport funding in the 2011/12 financial year.

3 PROPOSED 2011 - 12 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

3.1 It is intended that the capital funding available in 2011/12 is spent in line with the previous priorities set by the Council, namely:-

- infrastructure improvements on key strategic corridors; and
- improvements to public transport related infrastructure across Angus to meet the targets set in Angus Council’s Public Transport Information Strategy as approved by Committee on 28 April 2005 (Report 512/05 refers).

3.2 In previous years works have been undertaken to improve public transport infrastructure across Angus including on the Kirriemuir – Forfar – Dundee and the Montrose – Arbroath – Carnoustie – Monifieth – Dundee corridors. These works included the provision of bus boarders, the provision of shelters incorporating solar lighting and improvements to passenger information at key stops on these routes. This year it is intended that this work is extended to the Forfar – Brechin – Montrose/Laurencekirk corridors.

3.3 The initial sites identified for possible bus boarder provision are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report. This investment continues the previous work towards meeting DDA objectives - at April 2011, 48% of bus stops in Angus were DDA accessible.

3.4 In addition to the provision of bus boarders, upgrades will also be made to shelters and to passenger information provision. At April 2011 85% of bus stops in Angus had information displays at the stop – as part of the Council’s adopted Public Transport Information Strategy the Council is working towards the provision of information at all stops by 2015.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is provision of £65,000 not yet legally committed for Transport projects in the 2011/12 Provisional Capital Budget Volume and authority is sought to utilise this for the work the Forfar –
Brechin – Montrose/Laurencekirk corridors. If agreed by Committee this expenditure will be included in the 2011/12 Final Capital Budget Volume.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken.

7 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

7.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus:

- Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people’s needs.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law & Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9 CONCLUSION

9.1 This report outlines proposed infrastructure improvements within Angus to be delivered from the 2011-12 capital budget allocation. This expenditure continues to expand the provision of accessible bus stops across Angus and improve passenger waiting facilities and information provision.

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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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5 May 2011
APPENDIX 1

POTENTIAL BUS BOARDER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON FORFAR - MONTROSE CORRIDOR

Location

Montrose Brechin Road at sub-station
Montrose Brechin Road near 3 & 4 Brechin Road
Montrose Brechin Road at Lidl
Hillside Marykirk Road at Dickson Avenue
Hillside Marykirk Road opp Dickson Avenue
Forfar Prior Road at Headingstone Place
Forfar Old Brechin Road at Whitehills HCCC
Lunanhead near St Margaret's Hall
Lunanhead at Priory Cottages
Brechin Castle Street at Bearehill Way
Brechin Castle Street opp Bearehill Way
Brechin River Street opp School Lane
Brechin River Street opp Nursery Lane
Brechin River Street opp Bridgend Bar
Brechin East Mill Road at Mitchell Drive
Brechin Airlie Street
Brechin Trinity Road opp Cookston Crescent
Trinity at Bus shelter
Trinity opp Bus shelter
Inchbare Bus Shelter
Edzell High Street at Inglis Memorial Hall
Edzell High Street opp Inglis Memorial Hall
Edzell High Street opp Post Office
Edzell High Street at Panmure Arms