

ANGUS COUNCIL

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE
ROADS COMMITTEE**

**27 JANUARY 2000
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SUBJECT: ARBROATH HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 3)

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF
ROADS**

<p>Abstract: This report updates the Committee on the outcome of public consultation undertaken on the proposed environmental improvements to the pedestrian precinct as Phase 3 of the High Street improvements. It sets out the proposed programme for the implementation of the project.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) notes the outcome of the public consultation exercise in relation to the proposed environmental improvements to the pedestrian precinct;
- (b) notes the financial implications of proceeding with the works; and
- (c) authorises the Director of Roads to seek competitive tenders for the works.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Members will recall that the proposed environmental improvements to the pedestrian precinct were presented for consideration in October 1999. The proposals were noted and it was agreed that public consultation be undertaken. Small scale drawings of the proposed works are appended to this report.

3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

3.1 A public meeting to consider the proposals was held in Arbroath Library on Tuesday, 7 December 1999. A letter of invitation to attend was hand delivered to all the retailers in the precinct and invitations were also sent to the Community Council, the Retailers & Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce. A public notice was also placed in the local press and an exhibition mounted in the library for two weeks prior to the meeting.

3.2 By and large, the proposed environmental improvements were well received at the public meeting. It was acknowledged that some of the features installed some years ago e.g. the raised planters had not been successful and should be replaced. The introduction of high quality materials to reflect the works undertaken in the previous phases of the project was welcomed. Detailed points of design were raised as was

the possibility of some form of decorative entrance feature at the north end of the precinct. These will be looked at in more detail as the designs are progressed.

- 3.3 There has been no other feedback either as a result of the public meeting or the exhibition. Further consultation with the retailers in the precinct, particularly in relation to servicing requirements etc., will be undertaken shortly.
- 3.4 In view of the above, it is felt that the proposed environmental improvements can now proceed without any significant amendment.

4 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The proposed works are not programmed to commence until early September 2000 thus avoiding any disruption during the summer months. However, if they are to be completed before Christmas 2000 (seen as a pre-requisite), it may be necessary to phase the works so that some are completed before the summer. In order to achieve this, a contract will have to be let early in the 2000/2001 financial year. It is therefore recommended that competitive tenders be sought without delay.
- 4.2 A separate report by the Director of Roads on the selection of the tender list is included on the agenda of the Roads Committee meeting.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of the works is £313,000 including fees. Scottish Enterprise Tayside has confirmed that, if Angus Council could contribute £93,000 towards this cost, it will meet the balance (including fees). Allowance has been made within the Planning Capital Programme for 2000/2001 of £50,000 and within the Roads Capital Programme for £40,000 in 2000/2001 and £3,000 in 2001/2002

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and Director of Recreation Services have been 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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