

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ROADS COMMITTEE**

**22 NOVEMBER 2001**

**VISIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS JUNCTIONS**

**REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS**

**ABSTRACT**

This report updates the Committee on the progress with the various junction improvement schemes which were approved by the Committee at their meeting on 8 June 2000.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the committee agree:-

- (i) to note the progress with the various junction improvements previously agreed by Committee and,
- (ii) to include the junction improvements at West Hill Road and Muir Road, Kirriemuir within this programme of junction improvements.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

At its meeting of 8 June 2000 (Report No. 654/00) the Committee agreed to proceed with the detailed investigation of a programme of visibility improvements at various junctions throughout Angus.

At its meeting of 14 June 2001 the Committee agreed inter alia to utilise £56,000 from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund in 2001-2002 for nine junction improvements. (Report No 677/01).

**3 DETAILS**

During the detailed design work and land negotiations a number of changes to the original programme have been necessary. The up-to-date situation with regard to the progress of the schemes and the latest estimated costs are shown in the Appendix. The net effect has been that the estimated overall cost has been reduced. As a result it is now possible to include the junction improvements already carried out at West Hill Road and Muir Road, Kirriemuir (funded from the Roads Department's Traffic Revenue Budget) within this programme of junction improvements. This will free up funds within this revenue budget for other routine road safety design and signing projects where demand is high.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £7,500 cost of the West Hill Road and Muir Road Schemes will be transferred from the Roads 2001/02 Revenue Budget to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.

The original total estimated cost of these junction improvements was £56,000 and the revised estimate including the aforementioned schemes remains at £56,000 including works, design and site supervision. The allocation of £56,000 from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for this programme of work was agreed by the Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 (Report No 677/01 refers).

## **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **6 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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### NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No654/00 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 8 June 2000.

Report No 677/01 Utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund approved by the Roads Committee on 14 June 2001

Report No 931/01 Visibility Improvements at Various Road Junctions approved by the Roads Committee on 23 August 2001.

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## APPENDIX A

- (1) **A932 Forfar – Friockheim Road at Pitmuies.** - This proposed junction improvement required boundary walls to be taken down and reset on the new line. However following concerns about the realignment of this listed wall it was agreed, following discussions with the Council's Conservation Officer, that lowering the wall to improve visibility would be preferable. These works are estimated at £2,500.
- (2) **A934 Forfar to Montrose Road at Farnell Cross Roads.** - Land acquisition is nearly complete. The estimated cost of this junction improvement is £10,500.
- (3) **A926 Forfar to Kirriemuir Road at Ballinshoe** – Detailed investigation of this proposal established that a full visibility splay here was not feasible without very costly earthworks. A significant improvement can be achieved by closely trimming the vegetation on the embankment and this will be carried out. Design costs have been in the region of £1000. Works costs will be contained within the Cyclic Maintenance Budget for verge maintenance.
- (4) **B9113 Forfar to Montrose Road at Westerton.** - This junction improvement was completed in September this year. It is estimated the final cost will be £9,000 (compared to original budget estimate of £12,000).
- (5) **B965 Friockheim/Inverkeilor Road at Gilchorn** – Negotiations to acquire the land are ongoing. The estimated cost for this improvement is £8,500.
- (6) **C1 at Monikie** - The work to reduce the height of the wall at the east side of the junction has been ordered and is due for completion in November 2001. This work is estimated to cost £3,300. As agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 23 August 2001 (Report No.931/01) it is proposed to serve an obstruction notice on the landowner to the west side. The work on the west side is similar to the work on the east side and is estimated to cost £3,700.
- (7) **C51/C54 at Letham Cemetery** – Negotiations to acquire the land are ongoing. The estimated cost of this scheme is £7,000.
- (8) **C29 Netherbow Junction** – As agreed by the committee at its meeting on 23 August 2001 ( Report No.931/01) it is proposed to serve an obstruction notice on the landowner. The estimated cost of this scheme is £3,000
- (9) **Sidlaw Range/Lindsay Street junction, Kirriemuir** –The fenceline within the visibility splay at this junction was recently altered by agreement with the landowner with minor revenue costs.
- (10) **West Hill Road, Kirriemuir at its junctions with Muir Road and The Hill.** - These minor improvements have been carried out at a cost of £7,500.

**Total estimated cost (Items (1) to (10)) £56,000**