

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ROADS COMMITTEE  
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**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE  
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**A92 PROJECT  
THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT DIMENSION**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORT**

**ABSTRACT**

This report brings to the attention of the Committee the report which has been produced identifying in summary format the opportunities which the A92 project presents to improve and enhance the public transport services along the coastal corridor.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee agree to note the production of the document entitled "A92 Upgrading Dundee to Arbroath: A92/A930 Coastal Corridor Public Transport Services: Summary Statement", and to note its content.

**2 BACKGROUND**

In the early stages in the development of the A92 project it was identified that opportunities could be created through the project to enhance the public transport services along the coastal corridor not only through the nature of the provision within the project itself but also through the resultant reassignment of private and commercial road traffic on the new road network.

This aspect of the project has been pursued in parallel with the other strands of the project by the project officers working in co-operation with officers in Dundee City Council and in conjunction with the project advisers. This work has culminated in the preparation and production of a summary statement document which sets out the opportunities which the project presents in a public transport perspective.

This work has been undertaken in parallel with and informed by the concurrent preparation of the Angus Local Plan and the Angus Local Transport Strategy. It has also been taken into account in the preparation of the draft Dundee and Angus Structure Plan.

### 3 **DETAIL**

A copy of the document entitled “A92 Upgrading Dundee to Arbroath: A92/A930 Coastal Corridor Public Transport Services: Summary Statement” has been placed in the Members’ Lounge for the reference of the members of the Council. The document has been prepared in close consultation with the Director of Planning and Transport and with the Director of Planning and Transportation in Dundee City Council.

The document has been prepared to highlight the opportunities which the project presents to improve the public transport service provision along the coastal corridor between Arbroath and Dundee. It has been recognised that this can be facilitated not only through the provision of appropriate infrastructure, primarily for bus services, within the project itself but also through the reduction of traffic flows on the A930 between Carnoustie and Monifieth/Broughty Ferry which presents further opportunity for improvement on the “low road”.

At the same time the work in consideration of this aspect of the project has progressed alongside development of the Local Plan and the Council’s Local Transport Strategy and has taken due account of the issues addressed within those plans. Similarly it has provided an input to the preparation of the draft Dundee and Angus Structure Plan.

Some of the opportunities identified in the document have already been implemented, including the Real Time Passenger Information operating on the A930 Carnoustie to Ninewells Hospital corridor. Other public transport initiatives identified are also the subject of current investigation, including preparatory studies for various works at Arbroath, Carnoustie and Monifieth Rail Stations to improve integration between rail and other modes of public and private transport in the coastal corridor.

The document has been produced in co-operation with the Council’s external A92 project advisers, primarily the Babbie Group and in discussion with the major local bus operators. It presents a statement in summary format of how the project complements the provision of high standard public transport services along the coastal corridor, recognising that a large modal shift towards public transport usage is unlikely to be a direct consequence of the A92 project proposals.

The summary statement document will be made available to the public through the libraries in the coastal burgh towns and in the Monifieth and Carnoustie Access offices.

### 4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs of the preparation of this document and the background work have been contained within the Financial Plan provision for the A92 project. There are no other costs arising as a direct consequence of this report. Any costs associated with implementing the Public Transport initiatives will be included in future reports.

## 5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no known human rights implications arising in direct consequence of this report.

## 6 CONSULTATION

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

## 7 CONCLUSION

It has been recognised that the A92 project provides opportunities to improve the provision of public transport services along the coastal corridor between Arbroath and Dundee. A summary statement document has been provided which sets out the details of these opportunities and how the project seeks to enhance the facilities to support the provision of improved public transport services.

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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:-

- Angus Local Transport Strategy (Report 1154/00, 12 October 2000)
- Angus Local Plan
- Consultative Draft Dundee and Angus Structure Plan (Report 34/01, 11 January 2001)
- Strategic Priorities for Scotland's Passenger Railway (Report 105/01, 25 January 2001)
- Public Transport Update : Real Time Information (Report 898/00, August 2000)

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