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EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE

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**UTILISATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING**  
**ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIRS FUND**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS**

**ABSTRACT**

This report proposes utilisation of a proportion of the recent top-up to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for various necessary works which could not be contained in the Revenue Budget or the Financial Plan for 2001/02 but which are of such a nature that further postponement is likely to result in a risk to public safety or more expensive remedial work in the long term.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee agree that the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund be utilised to the extent of £470,000 (leaving a projected unallocated balance of £230,000 in the fund to cover further contingencies in the remainder of the financial year) to allow the following works to be carried out:-

- a) the renewal and upgrade of street lighting apparatus listed in Appendix A.
- b) the carriageway strengthening/overlay/resurfacing schemes listed in Appendix B.
- c) the reconstruction/resurfacing of footways listed in Appendix C.
- d) the traffic and road safety projects listed in Appendix D.
- e) the engineering design work required for the renewal/replacement of the gabion basket coastal protection works at Carnoustie.
- f) the part-funding of the coastal protection works at Milton Mill, Monifieth (see also report No 770/01 submitted to this sub-committee).

**2 INTRODUCTION**

The Roads Committee, at its meeting of 26 April 2001, was advised of a projected overspend on the 2000/01 winter maintenance programme of some £0.495 million (Report 513/01 refers). This overspend was due to an exceptionally severe winter, compared to the 'average' winter on which the budget for winter maintenance is established. Report 513/01 advised that in order to maintain the department's

2000/01 cast limited budget, £0.495 million would be drawn from the available balance in the Roads & Transport Renewal & Repair Fund and vired to the Roads revenue budget in order to contain the cost of winter maintenance.

It was noted within Report 513/01 that the Director of Finance would consider the replenishment of the Roads & Transport Renewal & Repair fund in light of General Fund revenue balances available to the Council once the 2000/01 accounts had been finalised.

Report No 677/01 approved by the Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 advised the committee to note that consideration of possible top-ups to the various Renewal and Repair Funds including the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund vis-à-vis the 2000/01 winter maintenance unbudgeted expenditure would be the subject of a separate report to a future Policy and Resources Committee.

The Policy and Resources Committee of 19 June 2001 agreed Report No 773/01 which recommended the transfer of resources totalling £500,000 from the General Fund balances into the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.

This £500,000 contribution to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund when taken together with the balance of some £200,000 uncommitted in the R&R Fund per the Council's 2000/01 Final Accounts makes a total of £700,000. Once the £100,000 minimum reserve level is allowed for, there remains an available balance of £600,000 currently unallocated in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.

The Director of Roads is currently examining engineering options for stabilisation works and repairs to damage caused by subsidence of the carriageway of the A92 Montrose – Stonehaven Road immediately south of the Lower Northwater Bridge. Pending a decision on the best value for money solution for this problem the Director proposes to set aside £130,000 in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund over and above the £100,000 minimum reserve level to cover the cost of these necessary remedial works. It is proposed however to utilise the remaining unallocated balance of £470,000 for the proposed programmes of priority work detailed in this report.

### 3 DETAILS

#### 3.1 Purpose of Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund

In January 1997 the Council prudently established various contingency funds to limit the impact of expenditure skewing when major projects are undertaken and to help protect the Council's overall budget position against emergency situations, etc which require funding. The Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund was put in place to allow funding of:-

- (a) essential structural maintenance/repair projects for roads, lighting and footways;
- (b) projects which were not previously considered necessary but where there is now an identified danger to the public;
- (c) projects identified through on-going inspections and assessment as having deteriorated at a rate in excess of that previously anticipated and which are now considered to be in need of urgent remedial works;
- (d) projects where immediate preventative action is adjudged necessary to negate the need for future works of a more substantial and costly nature;
- (e) priority based projects taking into account the condition of maintenance/repairs of roads/lighting/footways, road safety issues and the benefit likely to be gained by all road users including pedestrian traffic and disabled people.

#### 3.2 Projects

Report No 677/01 approved by the Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 recommended utilisation of the funding available in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund at that time. That report included recommendations for allocations of funding for major programmes of work for street lighting (£275,000), carriageway strengthening/overlay/resurfacing (£258,000), footway reconstruction/resurfacing (£50,000) and traffic and road safety projects (£130,000). The recent additional contribution to the fund will allow these programmes to be enhanced with the addition of the schemes detailed in this report.

The projects referred to in section 3.3 – 3.8 below satisfy the criteria set out in section 3.1 above and are considered to be immediate priorities:-

#### 3.3 Street Lighting Renewals

The Street Lighting systems at the locations listed in Appendix A are beyond the end of their design life and have been identified through an on-going programme of inspection and testing to be in need of renewal in order to

maintain structural integrity and electrical safety. It has not been possible to make any provision for Street Lighting Replacements or upgrades in the Financial Plan or Revenue Budget for 2001/02 and it will therefore be necessary to further draw on the R & R Fund to allow these additional priority schemes to be carried out in the current financial year at an estimated cost of £95,000.

#### 3.4 Carriageway Strengthening/Overlay/Resurfacing

Ongoing inspections and structural surveys have identified several sections where any further postponement of appropriate strengthening/overlay/resurfacing work will result in the need for full reconstruction at much greater expense in future years. The additional priority schemes requiring urgent action at an estimated cost of £137,000 are listed in Appendix B.

#### 3.5 Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing

Appendix C lists additional priority footway schemes requiring urgent reconstruction/resurfacing at an estimated cost of £118,000.

#### 3.6 Traffic and Road Safety Projects

The Traffic CFCR allocation for 2001/02 is £80K and Report No 682/01 to Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 recommended expenditure proposals to utilise this budget. In addition £130K has already been allocated from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for Traffic and Road Safety Projects in the current financial year (Report No 677/01 to the Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 refers). There are, however, two other projects which will provide significant improvements in Road Safety and which are now proposed for funding. These are detailed in Appendix D at an estimated cost of £50,000.

#### 3.7 Coastal Protection Works – Carnoustie

The existing wire basket (gabion) coastal protection at Carnoustie are well beyond their design life and are showing serious signs of wear and tear. Their structural integrity is being monitored and running repairs are carried out as and when necessary (subject to accessibility depending on tide/sand levels). It is clear however that major works will be required in the near future to renew or replace this coastal defence.

In order to progress the design and evaluation of an appropriate engineering solution it is proposed to allocate £14,000 from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund.

#### 3.8 Coastal Protection Works – Milton Mill, Monifieth

The proposed Coastal Protection Works at Milton Mill, Monifieth have a funding shortfall of £56,000 in the current financial year. (Report No 770/01 to this Sub-Committee refers). This shortfall will be made good in 2002/03 on

receipt of the anticipated grant from the Scottish Executive. However it is proposed to “bridge” the funding gap in the current financial year by drawing on £56,000 from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.

### 3.9 Summary

The various necessary works for which it is proposed to utilise the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund are summarised in Appendix E.

## 4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The total demand on the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund for the works detailed in this Report is £470,000 including Engineering/Admin costs.

This will leave an uncommitted balance in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund of £230,000 comprising £100,000 as a contingency for emergency provision and £130,000 set aside for remedial works on the A92 south of Lower Northwater Bridge.

## 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, Director of Planning & Transport and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

## 7 **CONCLUSION**

It is proposed to fund various schemes (as detailed in the Appendices) to the value of £470,000 from the available unallocated funding in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund .

Dr Bob McLellan  
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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 the above Report:-

Report No 937/00 - Finance and IT Committee - 28 August 2000  
Policy and Resources Committee – 5 September 2000  
Renewal and Repair Fund Policy Statements

Report No 513/01 - Roads Committee - 26 April 2001  
Winter Maintenance Expenditure

Report No 677/01 - Roads Committee - 14 June 2001

Utilisation of the Roads & Transport Renewal & Repair Fund

- Report No 682/01 - Roads Committee - 14 June 2001  
Traffic/Road Safety Works Funded from CFCR
- Report No 770/01 - Executive Sub-Committee of the Roads Committee - 5 July 2001  
Milton Mill, Monifieth – Coastal Protection – Acceptance of Tender
- Report No 773/01 - Policy & Resources Committee - 19 June 2001  
Roads & Transport Renewal and Repair Fund – Additional Contribution

RWM/PP  
2 July 2001  
REPORTS/r&r.avail.fund.2001-02

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**APPENDIX A - STREET LIGHTING RENEWALS AND UPGRADES**

LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS £
Ladyloan, Arbroath	9,000
Bloomfield Place, Arbroath	3,500
Prior Road, Forfar	25,000
Lynninghills, Forfar	2,000
Laurelbank, Forfar	2,500
North Mains Road, Kirriemuir	12,000
Brechin Road, Kirriemuir	7,000
Grants Pend, Kirriemuir	2,500
Woodend Drive, Kirrimuir	3,000
Lorne Street/Broomhill Drive, Monifieth	17,000
Milton Park, Monifieth	3,000
Craig Crescent, Ferryden	4,000
Burnside Place, Ferryden	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£95,000</b>

**APPENDIX B – CARRIAGEWAY STRENGTHENING/OVERLAY/RESURFACING**

LOCATION	TREATMENT	ESTIMATED COST £
Bents Road, Montrose	Overlay	45,000
B9113 at Quarrybank	Overlay/Retread	92,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£137,000</b>

**APPENDIX C- FOOTWAY RECONSTRUCTION/RESURFACING**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST £</b>
Old Shorehead, Arbroath	20,000
Melville Gardens, Montrose	15,000
Graham Street, Montrose	15,000
King Street, Montrose	6,000
Burnside Drive, Arbroath	35,000
Barngreen, Arbroath	12,000
Bakers Wynd, Arbroath	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£118,000</b>

**APPENDIX D – TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY PROJECTS**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COSTS £</b>
20mph zone in the ‘Glens’ area, Forfar	36,000
Replacement of wooden post safety barriers (various locations)	14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>

**APPENDIX E - SUMMARY**

<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST £</b>
Street Lighting Renewals and Upgrades (Appendix A)	95,000
Carriageway Strengthening/Overlay/Resurfacing (Appendix B)	137,000
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing (Appendix C)	118,000
Traffic and Road Safety Projects (Appendix D)	50,000
Coastal Protection – Carnoustie	14,000
Coastal Protection – Milton Mill, Monifieth	56,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£470,000</b>