

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

24 JANUARY 2002

ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND
CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

REPORT BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report proposes contingency arrangements for possible adjustments to the previously agreed programmes of street lighting renewals and upgrades to allow funding to be made available, if required, at short notice for timeous repair of street lighting faults which may occur before the end of the financial year.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

- (i) to the possible postponement until 2002/03 of the street lighting renewal/upgrade schemes listed in Appendix C for the purposes of releasing funding, if required, for the repair of street lighting faults which may occur before the end of the current financial year.
- (ii) that authority to approve the postponement of individual schemes listed in Appendix C be delegated to the Acting Director of Roads in consultation with the Convener (or in his absence the Vice Convener) of the Roads Committee and the Director of Finance, if and when the need arises.
- (iii) that any decision to postpone individual schemes and re-allocate funding to the repair of street lighting faults be reported subsequently to the Roads Committee for information.

2 INTRODUCTION

An Executive Sub-Committee of the Roads Committee convened on 5 July 2001 approved the utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for the renewal and upgrade of street lighting apparatus listed in Appendix A (Report No. 780/01 refers).

The Roads Committee of 14 June 2001 approved the utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for the renewal and replacement of street lighting apparatus listed in Appendix B (Report No. 677/01 refers).

Some provision is made in the Roads Lighting Revenue Budget for repairs to underground cable faults but these are by their very nature unpredictable and therefore

unquantifiable. While the costs of repairs to underground cable faults have been contained within the Revenue Budget up to the turn of the calendar year there is little or no unallocated funding available to deal with any faults which might develop between now and the end of the Financial Year. It is therefore proposed to put in place contingency arrangements to allow funding to be made available, if required, at short notice to allow any further street lighting cable faults which may occur to be dealt with as quickly as possible to minimise the time when lights are not working.

3 **DETAILS**

The street lighting schemes listed in Appendices A and B have already been approved for the current financial year with funding allocated from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund. While the majority of these schemes have now been completed, the schemes listed in Appendix C are planned but not yet committed as ordered works. It is still intended to complete all these schemes before the end of the financial year. It is considered prudent, however, to have contingency arrangements in place to allow for the possibility of further cable faults occurring and for the costs of repairs to be contained within available cash-limited allocations.

It is proposed therefore that the Committee allow for the possibility of any of the schemes listed in Appendix C being postponed until 2002/03 if the need arises for further funding for street lighting cable fault repairs. This would be done on an ad hoc basis if cable faults develop and, if these circumstances arise, the Acting Director of Roads, in consultation with the Director of Finance, and the Convener of the Roads Committee (or, in his absence the Vice Convener) would determine the need to re-allocate the funding from the selected named schemes(s) to the necessary fault repairs. Any decisions regarding the re-allocation of funding for these purposes would be reported subsequently to the Roads Committee for information. Any schemes deferred for this reason would be given priority for early completion in 2002/03 subject to further contributions being made to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund for utilisation within 2002/03.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is impossible to predict or quantify the cost of repairs to faults which have not yet occurred. The best guide is the costs which have been incurred in previous years. These have averaged £15,000 for the last quarter but have ranged from £5,000 to £35,000. It would seem likely therefore, based on past experience that two or three of the schemes listed in Appendix C may have to be deferred to allow funding to be made available for the repair of street lighting cable faults. It is hoped that it will be possible for the Council to make further contributions to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund when setting its budgets for 2002/03 which will allow any deferred schemes to be carried out early in the new financial year. This would however obviously deny the opportunity of allocating any such new funding to other necessary renewal and repairs schemes for the equivalent amount.

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 Director of Planning and Transport have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

7 CONCLUSION

It is considered prudent to have contingency arrangements in place to make funding available, if required, to allow a quick response to street lighting cable fault repairs. It is proposed to postpone planned street lighting renewals and upgrades for this purpose should the need arise.

R W McNeil
ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS

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 No. 677/01	-	Roads Committee – 14 June 2001 Utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.
Report No. 780/01	-	Executive Sub-Committee of the Roads committee – 5 July 2001 Utilisation of Available Funding Roads and Transport Renewal and Repairs Fund.

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**UTILISATION OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT
RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND IN 2001/02**

**APPENDIX A - STREET LIGHTING RENEWALS AND UPGRADES APPROVED
BY EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ROADS COMMITTEE - 5 JULY
2001.**

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

*Works not yet ordered.

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**APPENDIX B - STREET LIGHTING RENEWALS
APPROVED BY ROADS COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2001**

LOCATION	ESTIMATED COSTS
<u>Arbroath</u>	
Burnside Drive Phase 1	£15,000
Old Shorehead	£10,000
*Bellevue Gardens Phase 1	£10,000
*Tarry Road	£10,000
*Lordburn/Gravesend/Elgin Place	£22,000
<u>Carnoustie</u>	
Victoria Street	£8,000
Lochty Street	£15,000
Terrace Road	£5,000
<u>Monifieth</u>	
Brook Street Phase 2	£35,000
*Durham Street Phase 1	£20,000
Malcolm Crescent Phase 1	£14,000
Union Street	£6,000
*Panmure Street	£10,000
<u>Montrose</u>	
Melville Gardens	£10,000
Graham Street	£20,000
Bents Road	£10,000
Market Street	£15,000
*Barrack Road	£3,000
Waterside Road	£2,000
*Coronation Avenue	£5,000
North Esk Road	£10,000
King Street	£20,000
<u>Total</u>	£275,000

* Works not yet ordered.

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**APPENDIX C - APPROVED STREET LIGHTING SCHEMES WHICH HAVE NOT
YET BEEN ORDERED.**

SCHEME	ALLOCATION
<u>Arbroath</u>	
Bellevue Gardens Phase 1	£10,000
Bloomfield Place	£3,500
Lordburn/Gravesend/Elgin Place	£22,000
Tarry Road	£10,000
<u>Forfar</u>	
Laurelbank	£2,500
Lynninghills	£2,000
<u>Kirriemuir</u>	
Brechin Road	£7,000
Grants Pend	£2,500
<u>Monifieth</u>	
Durham Street Phase 1	£20,000
Panmure Street	£10,000
<u>Montrose</u>	
Barrack Road	£3,000
Coronation Avenue	£5,000
Total	£97,500