ABSTRACT
This Report details alterations to the previously approved utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund due to the introduction of footway/street lighting improvements in Birkhill necessitated by the undergrounding of the Scottish Hydro Electric overhead cable network.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to homologate the Director of Roads’ decision to make necessary changes to the previously approved programmes of Street Lighting and Carriageway Strengthening/Overlay/Re-surfacing to be carried out utilising the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund.

2 INTRODUCTION

Committee Report No. 442/00 approved by the Roads Committee of 27 April 2000 detailed the utilisation of £1,486,000 of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund. Included in this Report was planned carriageway and street lighting works in Brook Street, Ramsay Street and South Ramsay Street, Monifieth.

3 DETAILS

Subsequent to this Report being submitted to the Roads Committee, Transco intimated their intention to upgrade their existing apparatus in the Brook Street area of Monifieth.

This work was to start in September 2000 and be completed in November 2000 however it is now planned to be completed by late January 2001.

Due to this essential maintenance of Transco apparatus is was decided that the prudent course of action would be to postpone the planned carriageway and street lighting works for Brook Street, Ramsay Street and South Ramsay Street, Monifieth.

It is now intended that this work will commence early next financial year as a first call priority subject to further contributions being made to the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund sufficient to allow these improvements to be carried out.
Further to the above, Scottish Hydro Electric intimated in November that they were removing their system of overhead cabling in Hill Terrace, Wood Road, Highfield Place, Post Box Road, Blairfield Road and Coupar Angus Road, Birkhill.

This work by Scottish Hydro Electric would have resulted in the above streets having no street lighting as the existing street lighting was supplied via the overhead cable network.

Site investigations indicated that as well as the existing street lighting being obsolete, the existing footways at the above location would not withstand the major upheaval caused by the installation of underground street lighting cable. It was therefore decided that the monies available due to the postponement of the works in Monifieth should be re-allocated as a matter of urgency to the renewal of the street lighting system and the upgrading of the footways in Birkhill.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The monies previously allocated from the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund for the schemes which had to be deferred due to the Transco works in Monifieth were:-

Street Lighting

Brook Street, Monifieth (Phase 2) £55,000

Carriageway Strengthening/Overlay/Re-surfacing

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The estimated costs of the footway/street lighting works required in Birkhill are:-

Footway Reconstructions

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Street Lighting Renewals

(also including Coupar Angus Road) £50,000

**Total** £160,000
The balance of £5000 will remain in the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund pending further contributions to the fund to allow the schemes in Monifieth to be re-programmed. Subject to further funding being made available these schemes will be given priority for early commencement in the 2001/02 programme. Subject to further funding being made available these schemes will be given first call priority for early commencement in the 2001/02 programme.

5  HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising as a result of this report.

6  CONSULTATION

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

The Local Members have been kept informed about these unavoidable changes to planned programmes.

7  CONCLUSIONS

It was considered prudent to defer approved overlay/street lighting works in Monifieth to allow planned works by Transco to be completed prior to laying new road surfaces.

At the same time it became necessary to install a new street lighting system and carry out associated footway works in Birkhill as a result of Scottish Hydro Electric removing their overhead cable network from various streets in the area.

In order to minimise the period of time that these streets would be without lighting the Director of Roads authorised appropriate alterations to the previously approved utilisation of the Roads and Transport Renewal and Repair Fund.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

The following 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 a material extent in preparing the above Report:-


RWM/JSG
5 December 2000
REPORTS/alt.r&r