

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 JANUARY 2006

REVISION TO ROADS AND STRUCTURES DESIGN CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2005/06

Report By Executive Director of Development & Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:-

- (a) seek the Committee's approval for a revision to the Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme for 2005/06.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 3 May 2005, the Committee approved the Roads and Structures Design Capital Programme for 2005/06.

3. REVISION TO BRIDGE STRENGTHENING AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

3.1 The approved Bridges Capital Programme indicated that £35,000 had been held in reserve at that time and would be the subject of a further Committee Report.

3.2 The U40/10 Craighends Bridge is situated at the end of the single track Hareshawmuir Road and is the only means of access to the single property beyond the bridge. The bridge is a 4.7m span masonry arch structure which has suffered from varying degrees of deterioration for a number of years. It also fails the 40 Tonne load carrying assessment and has been the subject of monitoring pending the availability of funding to carry out strengthening works.

3.3 It is now considered that strengthening works can no longer be delayed and it is proposed to allocate the monies held in reserve to this scheme.

3.4 The strengthening works have been designed and contract documentation prepared. In view of the urgency of these works and in anticipation of Committee approval, Tenders for the work have already been issued to 6 contractors with a return date of 22/12/05. The subsequent award of the contract will be subject to the Committee's approval of the proposal in this Report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated cost of the bridge strengthening works is £40,000. This can be accommodated within the Bridges Capital programme by utilising the £35,000 held in reserve and the underspend from other schemes already approved.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Roads Authorities have a duty to manage and maintain public roads. This duty includes the proper maintenance of all structures carrying the road.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Bridges are an essential component of the road infrastructure, and closure of this bridge as it deteriorates further, below acceptable safety levels would be in conflict with the Council's access, social inclusion and non-discrimination policies.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** The Committee is asked to:-
- (i) approve the proposed revision of the Bridge Strengthening and Culvert Replacement Programme as set out in paragraph 3 of this Report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Roads and Structures Design Capital Programme for 2005/06
Development and Property Services Committee – 3 May 2005

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