

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**28 NOVEMBER 2006**

#### **A71 RICCARTON BRIDGE STEELWORK PAINTING AND BIRD PROOFING CONTRACT – ADDITIONAL WORKS**

##### **Report By Acting Executive Director of Development & Property Services**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek the Committees approval to carry out additional works on the A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing Contract,

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Roads Division obtained funding from the Departmental General Fund Balances to install pigeon netting to the underside of the A71 Riccarton Bridge in Kilmarnock and carry out essential maintenance painting to the ends of the steel beams over the piers and abutments on all 6 spans. Hyspec Services Ltd. is currently on site carrying out these works having successfully won the contract under competitive tender for the sum of £61,220.

### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1** Extensive surface corrosion of the steel beams has been discovered and it is now proposed to carry out essential cleaning and painting of the beams in one complete span before the netting is put in place. The contractor is prepared to carry out this additional work at the existing competitive contract rates.
- 3.2** Maintenance painting of the other 5 spans will be the subject of future Reports to this Committee as and when funding allows these works to be carried out.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The estimated cost of the additional painting is £30,000. This can be accommodated within the Bridges Capital programme.

### **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 a consequence of steelwork deterioration from a lack of maintenance painting would be in conflict with the Council's access, social inclusion and non-discrimination policies.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1** The Committee is asked to approve the additional works on the A71 Riccarton Bridge Steelwork Painting and Bird Proofing Contract

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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