

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 31 MAY 2005**

#### **BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

##### **Joint Report by the Director of Development and Property Services and the Executive Head of Finance**

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

To seek Committee consideration of the traffic management arrangements necessary in progressing the Building Learning Communities project.

#### **2 BACKGROUND**

Outline Planning Permission has now been granted, and a number of conditions were attached requiring various road works on the public road network. Copies of the planning conditions are attached.

#### **3 TIMING OF THE WORK**

In order to minimise delay in construction which may result in additional costs for the Council it is proposed that this work be progressed in advance of the school building works.

The Transport Assessment prepared by an independent transportation consultant identified a number of off-site measures required to offset the traffic effects of the proposals for Grange Academy, St. Joseph's Academy, Shortlees Primary School, St. Matthew's Primary, St. Columba's Primary, Loanhead Primary and The Park School, and to accommodate the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians to the new schools. These include:

- Traffic signals (with pedestrian phase) at the junction of Beech Avenue and Irvine Road
- Traffic signals (with pedestrian phase) at the junction of Strawberry Bank and Dean Lane
- A pelican crossing on Irvine Road
- Traffic calming (with mandatory 20mph speed limit) on Beech Avenue and Grange Terrace

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This work could be incorporated into the main PPP project. The financial effect would be however that the successful tenderer would seek to recover the actual cost of the work

plus overheads plus profit. Undertaking the work in-house in advance of the project would result not only in timing advantages but would also be less expensive.

The Capital Programme for 2004/05 included an unutilised contingency sum of £0.270m and the £0.120m needed to cover the cost of the above works to ensure that appropriate traffic management arrangements are in place prior to commencement of building works for the new schools could be met from that.

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members

- (i) agree that capital funding of £0.120m be committed to enable traffic management works required to deliver the Council's Building learning Communities PPP Project to be expedited; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS NIL**

Members wishing further information should contact Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation. Telephone (01563) 576310.

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