

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 MARCH 2000

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2003

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend allocations for the Committee's capital programme for the years 2000 through to 2003.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 25 January the Policy and Resources Committee approved allocations of the Council's capital programme for 2000/2001 to each Committee and provisional allocations for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003. This report sets out proposed allocations within the overall sums allocated to the Development Services Committee.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The proposals are set out in the attached table. The following points have been reflected in the proposals.

Streetlighting

- ◆ The allocation proposed has been increased by £50,000. This reflects the decision of the Committee to transfer £50,000 of streetlight column replacement currently funded from revenue to capital. The programme of streetlight replacement is keeping pace with the deterioration of the stock. It is proposed, therefore, to hold the level of allocation for streetlighting constant over the 3-year period.

Road Safety and Road Improvements

- ◆ More detailed proposals will be brought to the Committee for consideration at a later date. It should be noted that allocations at levels proposed for 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 do not allow the authority to meet the considerable current demands of the public for road safety and road improvements to any significant extent. It is proposed to allocate a substantial proportion of the overall increased proposed in the year 2002/2003 to this heading.

Roads Operations

- ◆ The Committee has agreed in principle to introduce new parking orders for the area peripheral to Kilmarnock Town Centre. This will require investment in signage and minor road works. It is proposed to allocate £50,000 per annum for this purpose together with continuing upgrading of the existing surface car parks and multi-storey car parks. The sums

allocated will not be sufficient to cover major reconstruction work at any of these car parks. There are requirements to upgrade depot facilities at Gauchalland (Roads Contracts) and Lugar (Transport Services) to meet health and safety and other operational needs set out in the business plans for the two units.

Bridges and Structures

- ◆ The proposed allocation allows for two major projects: waterproofing of the A71 bridge over the River Irvine at Galston and replacement of the Welltrees Bridge on the A70 between Cumnock and Muirkirk. The estimates in the table are provisional. Any major revision in the estimates based on more detailed technical assessments will be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

Footway and Carriageway Reconstruction

- ◆ This includes £60,000 which the Committee has agreed to transfer from revenue to capital funding.

Flood Prevention

- ◆ A more detailed programme will be brought to the Committee for consideration in due course. The sums allocated provide for the major outstanding projects in the previously approved programme of works (Crookedholm, Glenfield, Riccarton bridges), with an allowance for smaller projects in Cumnock and Kilmarnock. A response is still awaited from the Scottish Executive to the submission for substantial additional allocations for funds for flood prevention. This will be taken into account with future revisions of the capital programme for the Committee.

Development

- ◆ The commitments to the Dalmellington units, Newmilns Townscape Heritage Initiative, East Ayrshire Woodlands, and the Kilmarnock Town Centre Covenant are all previously determined. It is proposed that a modest increase is allocated to the funds for business loans and partnership developments. It should be noted, however, that funding at this level will not be sufficient to enable the Council to invest to any significant extent in the development of individual new business and specific industrial premises. No allocation is proposed for environmental schemes – other sources of funds are available for such schemes. A nominal allocation has been proposed for tourism-related projects in 2002/2003.

Information Technology

- ◆ Continuing investment at the level of the current year in information technology systems specific to the operations of the Development Services Department is proposed.

3.2 The attached table does not include the special allocation of funds by the Scottish Executive from the Public Transport Fund for improvement work at the Kilmarnock and Cumnock Bus Stations.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The allocations set out in the programme are consistent with the overall allocations for the capital programme approved by the Policy and Resources Committee.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the capital programme for the Development Services Committee for the years 2000/2001 to 2002/2003 as set out in the attached table.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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	Current	Planned		
	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
Streetlighting	175	225	225	225
Road safety and road improvements (including pedestrian and cyclist schemes)	100	125	110	240
Roads operations				
- Car parks	75	50	50	50
- Depots	25	50	-	-
- Signage (excluding car parks)	10	-	-	10
- Other	15	-	-	-
Bridges and Structures				
- Glebe Road, Galston	160	-	-	-
- A71, Galston	-	140	-	-
- A70, Welltrees	-	-	160	90
- Minor works	-	40	40	40
- Bridge assessments and project design	70	100	100	100
Footway and carriageway reconstruction	-	60	60	200
Flood Prevention	345	310	280	220
Development				
- Business loans and partnership developments	140	140	145	180
- Dalmellington units	70	70	-	-
- Newmilns THI	15	15	15	15
- East Ayrshire Woodlands	20	20	20	20
- Kilmarnock Town Centre Covenant	150	150	150	150
- Dangerous buildings recharge	5	5	5	5
- Environmental schemes	5	-	-	-
- Tourism projects	-	-	-	15
IT	40	40	40	40
	1420	1540	1400	1600

AGENDA