

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE : SPECIAL MEETING: 6 MARCH 2001

CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2001/2002

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend a revised Capital Programme for 2001/2002 for expenditure within the Committee's Capital Allocation.

2 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The following programme is proposed:-

	2000/2001 £000s	2001/2002 £000s
Street Lighting	225	330
Road Safety	125	230
<i>Roads Operations:</i>		
Car parks	50	50
Depots	50	90
Signage	-	-
<i>Bridges and Structures:</i>		
A71 Galston	140	-
Strengthening work	40	60
Assessment	100	100
Footways and Carriageways	310	730
Flood Prevention	60	170
<i>Development</i>		
Business loans and partnership	140	165
Dalmellington Units	70	-
Newmilns THI	15	25
East Ayrshire Woodlands	20	20
Kilmarnock Town Centre Covenant	150	150
Dangerous buildings	5	5
Tourism	-	5
IT	40	20
	1540	2150
<i>Special Funds:</i>		
Flood Prevention	500	-
Public Transport Fund	570	510
Safer Routes to School (Allocation to Education Committee managed by the	120	-

Roads Division)		
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2.2 Within the increased allocation, it will be possible to tackle high priority schemes reported to the meeting of the Committee on 13 February 2001 together with street light work linked to Scottish Power's programming of undergrounding electricity cables. The detailed projects proposed are:-

Underground Scottish Power Services Dalmellington and Muirkirk	£180,000
Craufurdland Road Kilmarnock (unreliable 5th core network)	£30,000
Brown Street Newmilns (deteriorated installation)	£30,000
Shortlees/Bellfield Kilmarnock (replacement of GB511 columns)	£60,000
Design and planning	£30,000

Total **£330,000**

2.3 Road Safety – The increase proposed is in line with the priorities set out in the local Transport Strategy approved by the Committee at the end of last year. The provisional programme proposed is as follows:-

Safer Routes to School	
Treeswoodhead Road, Ph 2, Kilmarnock	£22,000
Shortlees, Ph 2, Kilmarnock	£33,000
Loudoun Academy, Galston, Traffic Calming	£40,000
Littlemill Primary, Rankinston, Traffic Calming	£8,000
Road Safety	
Glencairn Square Signals	£61,000
John Finnie Street, Ph 1	£6,000
Design and Planning (including Safer Routes to School)	£60,000

Total **£230,000**

2.4 Roads Operations – Continued investment in the multi-storey car park and ticketing equipment in other surface car parks is proposed at the same level as last year. The investment in depots will include provision of an improved road access to the Gauchalland Depot, as previously approved by the Committee, and installation of new fuel supply tanks at Crookedholm and Underwood Depots required to comply with Environmental Regulations.

2.5 Bridges and Structures – The provisional programme for 2001/2002 included provision for a contribution to the cost of replacement of the Welltrees Bridge on the A70. This is not now included in the programme since a Section 75 Agreement with Law Mining relating to the recently approved extension to the opencast coal site at Garlaffan includes provision for the roadworks required for replacement of Welltrees Bridge (there is an existing commitment by Scottish Coal to provide the earth works and culvert required for the bridge through a Section 75 Agreement relating to the Gasswater opencast coal site).

- 2.6 Footways and Carriageways** – A substantial increase is proposed in the programme under this heading. Survey responses in connection with the local transport strategy identified an improved standard of roads maintenance as a high priority.
- 2.7 Flood Prevention** – The allocation proposed will enable the Committee to continue the approved programme of small scale flood prevention works. The major flood prevention projects required under the Flood Prevention Scheme currently being promoted for the Glencairn, Crookedholm and Galston areas in the Irvine Valley would require special funding support from the Scottish Executive.
- 2.8 Development** – It is proposed to increase the allocation for business loans and partnership developments reflecting the potential for supporting job creation through such projects. The increased allocation recommended for the Newmilns THI will make it possible to honour commitments to partner agencies for specific project funding, which have been carried forward from the current year as a result of the additional funding required for purchase of the Co-op building, as approved by the Committee. A small allocation is proposed for tourism projects to enable the Council to make a contribution towards the introduction of new tourism information facilities in conjunction with the AATB.
- 2.9 IT** - The principal investment programme proposed for 2001/2002 is the introduction of new roads inspection and fault reporting software. This has previously been approved by the Committee but introduction of a system has been delayed as a result of the preferred software supplier being taken over by another company.
- 2.10 Special Funds** – See comments on flood prevention above. The allocation from the Public Transport Fund is towards a programme of pedestrian and cycle-way improvements in the Kilmarnock area, which will also contribute to improved road safety, in particular in the town centre area. The “main line” Road Safety Programme includes completion of safer routes to schools projects initiated in the current year through the special allocation from the Scottish Office in 2000/2001.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The recommended programme is consistent with the Capital Allocations approved by the Policy and Resources Committee.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no immediate legal implications from the recommendations contained in this report.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** It is recommended that the Committee approve the capital allocations set out in para 2.1 above.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil

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AGENDA