

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2002

#### CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002-03

#### Report by Director of Development Services

## 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend a Capital Programme for 2002/2003 for expenditure within the Committee's Capital Allocation.

## 2 PROPOSED PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The following programme is proposed:

	2002/03 £000s
<b>Street Lighting</b>	185
<b>Road Safety:</b>	
General Measures	100
Crossing Improvements for People with a Disability	10
<b>Roads Operations:</b>	
Car parks	50
Depots	50
<b>Bridges and Structures:</b>	
B778-Gunshill Culvert	60
Assessment	100
<b>Footways and Carriageways</b>	600
<b>Flood Prevention</b>	70
<b>Development:</b>	
Business loans and partnership	140
Newmilns THI	15
East Ayrshire Woodlands	20
Kilmarnock Town Centre Covenant	150
Tourism	5
<b>IT</b>	20
	<b>1575</b>
<b>Special Funds</b>	
Public Transport Fund	
PTF 1 (bus station)	-
PTF 2 (Cycling & walking)	250
PTF 3 (K/k town centre)	911
<b>Safer Routes to School/Safer Streets</b>	91
<b>Better Neighbourhoods</b>	200
<b>Grand totals</b>	<b>3027</b>

- 2.2** The special funding programmes will enable the Council to carry out a range of street lighting and road safety projects which would otherwise have been funded as priority schemes within the Council's core capital programme.
- 2.3** **Streetlighting:** The streetlighting allocation will be used to tackle high priority schemes reported to the Committee on 13 February 2001 and schemes where the Council requires to replace streetlights following undergrounding of overhead supply cables by ScottishPower. The schemes currently programmed are: Muirkirk, Fenwick (South), Loanhead area (Kilmarnock) –Phase 1
- 2.4** **Roads Safety:** The key priority identified in the local transport strategy for road safety improvements is accident reduction measures around Kilmarnock Town Centre. These will be covered in the measures funded through the Public Transport Fund. A report will be brought to a future Committee on proposed new schemes elsewhere.
- 2.5** It is proposed to allocate £10,000 of the funds recommended for Road Safety projects to improving crossings to assist with a disability (see report elsewhere on the agenda for this Committee).
- 2.6** **Roads Operations:** Roads Operations investment will include continued investment at the multi-storey car park and surface car parks. Further investment is required at the Gauchalland Roads Contracts Depot.
- 2.7** **Bridges and Structures:** The proposed programme does not make any provision for specific major investments in bridges and structures. There will be a continued investment in minor works required to ensure that bridges and structures are brought up to current technical standards. Any major strengthening operation would require consideration of an allocation for specific funding. Currently programmed works includes replacement of Gunshill Culvert on the B778 - Stewarton–Kilwinning road which will replace a weak sandstone culvert and allow local road widening.
- 2.8** **Footways and carriageways:** The programme for major maintenance of footways and carriageways has been the subject of a previous Committee report.
- 2.9** **Flood prevention:** Progress in carrying out assessment of flood prevention measures at a number of locations affected in recent years by flooding from watercourses has been reported to the Committee. Generally the measures required would be well beyond the resources which could be made available within the Council's capital programme and will require special funding submissions. The capital programme will enable the Council to continue to carry out localised improvement works on river embankments and culverted watercourses. A future report to Committee will provide an update on planned flood prevention measures.

**2.10 Development:** The allocations recommended for development activities will maintain the current level of these programmes.

**2.11 IT:** The allocation proposed for IT investment will enable the department to continue to develop its planning administration and roads maintenance information systems.

**2.12 Special Funds:** The programmes to be supported through special funds have been the subject of separate reports to Committee.

### **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 paragraph 2.1 above.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**