

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 3 SEPTEMBER 2002

QUALITY BUS CORRIDOR MEASURES

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The object of the report is to:-

- (i) inform the Committee of proposals to improve bus stop facilities within Kilmarnock; and
- (ii) seek the Committee's views on detailed proposals that will be put before the Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council was successful in its bid to the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund in August 2001 for an additional capital allocation for improvements to bus stop facilities on local bus routes in Kilmarnock.

2.2 The project will build upon the recent upgrading of Kilmarnock bus station by implementing quality bus measures around the town centre and extending the quality corridor concept out to the three main residential areas in Kilmarnock served by local bus services: Onthank; New Farm Loch; and Bellfield/Shortlees.

2.3 The Council has appointed Consultants to assist with the design and consultation of the proposals. The works must be completed by the end of the current financial year.

3. PROPOSED MEASURES

3.1 The proposed measures to be implemented include the following: -

- provision of good quality lighting at bus stops to increase personal security;
- improved information provision at bus stops;
- raised kerbs and tactile paving where required (and bus boarders where appropriate) to make it easier for people to board buses, subject to physical site conditions;
- delineation of bus bays with coloured surfacing, where required, to discourage parking at bus stops;
- provision of good quality shelters with seating at the busier bus stops.

3.2 The measures are intended to address many of the factors which deter use of public transport, particularly after dark, to make bus travel easier and more attractive and prevent social exclusion.

4. CONSULTATION PROCESS

4.1 Initial consultation on the scheme has already taken place at the venues below:

Tuesday 13th August New Farm Loch Community Centre

Wednesday 14th August Onthank Community Centre
Thursday 15th August Bellfield Community Centre
Friday 16th August Burns Mall

- 4.2 The feedback from the initial consultation has been used to develop the final designs.
- 4.3 A further round of public consultation on detailed proposals will be undertaken shortly. Copies of the proposals drawings will be available for discussion at the local committee meeting.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 In order to comply with the Public Transport Fund budgetary programme, it will be necessary to commence works during October 2002.
- 5.2 It will therefore be necessary to finalise the proposals before the next meeting of the local committee. To allow this timetable to be achieved, it is requested that the local committee remits to the Chair to agree any detailed changes that are required following the public consultations on the detailed proposals.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The cost of the quality bus measures is being met from the additional borrowing consent granted from the Scottish Executive's Public Transport Fund.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Nil

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to:-
- (i) comment on the detailed proposals to improve bus stop facilities in Kilmarnock; and
 - (ii) remits to the Chair to agree any detailed changes that are required following the public consultations on the detailed proposals.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **Nil**

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AGENDA