

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 MARCH 1997 AT 1124 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors George Turnbull and Eric Ross.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor George Turnbull, Chair.

STREET LIGHTING - GRANGE ESTATE, KILMARNOCK

1. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the condition of 138 street lighting columns in Grange Estate, Kilmarnock, and seeking authority to carry out the renewal of 77 street lighting columns which had deteriorated over the winter months, and that a further 61 street lighting columns be subject to increased regular inspection with a view to replacement as soon as practicable, costs to be met from slippage from the Capital Budget.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the replacement of 77 street lighting columns in Grange Estate, Kilmarnock as a matter of urgency;
- (ii) that the remaining 61 street lighting columns be subject to increased regular inspection with a view to replacement when required;
- (iii) to remit to the Director of Development Services:-
 - (a) to arrange an inspection of street lighting columns throughout East Ayrshire, identifying specifically:-
 - (i) estimated timescales, based upon deterioration, for renewal in the short (0-12 months), medium (13-24 months) and long-term (+ 24 months);
 - (ii) estimated cost of renewal, incorporating a breakdown of component parts; column; light; cabling; labour charges etc; with relevant justification; and
 - (b) to submit a report on the findings of the inspection and estimated renewal costs in the short, medium and long-term to the June meeting of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

STRUCTURES - CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1996/97

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services providing details of tenders received; seeking approval in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations for the acceptance of a tender for repairs at Wellwood Bridge, on the A70, which exceeded the approved estimate by more than 10%, and providing details of the additional costs involved.]

Having heard the Director of Development and Head of Roads and Transportation on the additional costs involved, it was agreed:-

- (i) to accept the lowest tender of £97,310.65 from Chemcem Scotland Limited for the repairs at Wellwood Bridge, on the A70, the cost of which would be met from the approved capital programme, split between financial years 1996/97 and 1997/98;
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Development Services to convey the Council's concern to the consultants at the difference between estimated and actual costs and that the Council expected a better outcome in the future; and
- (iii) to remit to the Head of Roads and Transportation to build his professional assessment into future reports on the repair/replacement cost of bridges in East Ayrshire.

The meeting terminated at 1148 hours.