

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 7 November 2012

**ROAD/JUNCTION WIDENING PROGRAMME****Report by the Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

This report provides an update on the schemes funded from the Council's Capital Budget for 'Road / Junction Widening and Improvement Programme', and seeks approval to construct a roundabout at the A922 Station Road/Springfield Road junction in Kinross.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 The Committee is asked to:

- i) Note the update on the six schemes from the 'Road/Junction Widening and Improvement' Programme which were approved in November 2010.
- ii) Approve the proposed roundabout at the A922 Station Road/Springfield Road junction in Kinross, to be funded from the remainder of the funding from the Programme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In 2010, the Environment Service were requested to re-phase and prioritise the five year Capital Programme to ensure that the level of borrowing for all years remained affordable, thus ensuring a smoother budget over the five years to 2014/15. As part of this exercise the individual schemes within the 'Road/Junctions Widening and Improvement Programme' were re-prioritised, generating a saving of £1,996,000 which was transferred to cover the shortfall in Structural Maintenance. The three year budget (totalling £837,000) for this Programme was revised to:

- 2010/11 - £318,000
- 2011/12 - £479,000
- 2012/13 - £40,000

2.2 On 24 November 2010 (Article 639/10 refers) this Committee approved six schemes to be funded from this Programme and the following table provides an update on these.

	<b>Scheme Details</b>	<b>Cost Estimate (£)</b>	<b>Revised Estimate (£)</b>	<b>Actual Cost (£)</b>
1.	<b>A93 Scones of Lethendy</b>  The majority of the works were carried out in 2010/11 and included full carriageway resurfacing, the application of anti-skid surfacing and improved signing and road markings.	80,000		108,000
2.	<b>A93 Westfields of Rattray</b>  Initial survey works have been carried out and it is anticipated that land will be acquired in 2012/13 and the works carried out in 2013/14.	350,000	373,000	
3.	<b>A911 Auchmuir Bridge</b>  The works were undertaken in 2011/12 and involved locally widening the carriageway and improved signing. The speed limit has also been reduced.	50,000	-	50,000
4.	<b>A827 Fort Brae / South Loch Tay Road Junction</b>  It had initially been hoped that a relatively modest investment could have been made to improve this junction. However, upon more detailed investigation it was determined that far more significant expenditure, including land purchase, would be required to achieve any meaningful improvement. As there is no accident record associated with the location, no such significant expenditure could be justified. No improvements were carried out.	20,000	-	0
5.	<b>C455 South Comrie Road</b>  This scheme was implemented in 2011/12 and included embankment and fencing works.	60,000	-	64,000
6.	<b>C419 Kinclaven Bridge</b>  The site surveys carried out determined that additional land for the scheme would not be required. This reduced the scheme costs considerably. The traffic signals were installed in 2011/12 and are working extremely well.	150,000	-	33,000

- 2.3 Of the total funding allocated (£837,000), £255,000 has been spent to date, with a further £373,000 allocated to the scheme at A93 Westfields of Rattray. The remaining budget is therefore £209,000.

### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 It is proposed to utilise this £209,000 to construct a roundabout at the junction of the A922 Station Road and Springfield Road in Kinross. Drivers are directed to Milnathort and beyond via Springfield Road at this junction.
- 3.2 A roundabout at this junction will improve traffic flows, particularly at peak times and reduce vehicle speeds on Station Road. Pedestrian facilities will also be incorporated to make it safer for vulnerable road users.
- 3.3 It is highlighted that a roundabout has been requested at this junction on numerous occasions by local Elected Members and the local community.
- 3.4 Investment at this location will further enhance the local area and follows on from the investment in the new Relief Road and the proposed High Street Environmental Improvements.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services, the Head of Finance and Tayside Police have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 4.2 As part of the scheme design, consultation will be carried out with the relevant parties where appropriate.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **5.1 Capital**

- 5.1.1 The proposed roundabout works of £209,000 will be fully funded from the Capital allocation for 'Road/Junctions Widening and Improvement Programme'. It is anticipated that any land required for the scheme will be acquired in 2012/13 and the construction works carried out in 2013/14.

#### **5.2 Revenue**

- 5.2.1 It is estimated that the Revenue commitments arising from the routine maintenance of the infrastructure detailed in this report is £1,000 and will be met from the Roads Maintenance Budget. These costs will require to be prioritised within the existing Revenue budgets.

## **6. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012**

- 6.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report impacts on the following:-
- a. A Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
  - b. A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

## **7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)**

- 7.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 7.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- i) Assessed as **relevant** and no actions are required to be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts:
  - ii) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation:
    - a) The measures will provide improvements for road users of all ages, particularly drivers and passengers.
    - b) The measures will provide opportunities for increased travel by foot for people of all age groups.

## **8. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 8.2 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 This report provides an update on the schemes funded from the 'Road/Junctions Widening and Improvement Programme' over the three year period 2010-11 to 2012-13.

- 9.2 This report seeks approval to construct a roundabout at the junction of the A922 Station Road and Springfield Road in Kinross from the remaining funding of £209,000.

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**NOTE**

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report; (list papers concerned)

- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee 24 November 2010, Road/Junction Widening and Improvement Programme 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 (10/594)

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