



**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE ON 13 OCTOBER 2009**

SUBJECT: ELGIN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the appointment of framework consultants to assist in the delivery of Elgin Traffic Management Projects.
- 1.2 To seek Committee approval for the re-profiling of the Capital Plan to accommodate property acquisition, and update on progress.
- 1.5 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to (i) consideration of Capital and Revenue budgets and (ii) relating to the planning, design and construction of roads.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the appointment of Jacobs Consultancy to a framework agreement for transportation and design services.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee agrees the revised capital plan requirements for 2009/10 to accommodate property acquisition and that this requirement is taken forward into the next review of the capital plan.
- 2.3 It is recommended that the Committee note the progress on the design of the Extension to Edgar Road.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Reference is made to Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee of 3 February 2009 (Para 6 Refers) approving the procurement and award of a new framework contract for transportation and design services.
- 3.2 Following a comprehensive and robust procurement exercise, Jacobs Consultancy have been awarded the framework contract for providing transportation and design services to assist in the delivery of the Elgin Traffic Management Projects. Their staff will be working closely with officers from the Transportation and Consultancy sections to develop and deliver a number of projects under the Elgin Traffic Management programme.

- 3.3 Reference is made to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee of 26 May 2009 (Para 14 of the Minute refers) when the Committee approved the three year programme of expenditure for the Elgin Traffic Management Capital Projects. The report also identified the following sub-projects that form elements of Elgin Traffic Management, and the initial task for the consultants, in conjunction with Council Officers will be to review this list to confirm priorities and availability of resources.
- Extension of Edgar Road
 - Development of Western Distribution road Option A and B
 - Ground Investigation
 - Elgin Traffic Model (also essential for assessing major planning applications in Elgin)
 - Elgin Car Parking Strategy
 - Transportation Study for Elgin City for the Future
 - Sustainable Travel Project
- 3.4 A report submitted by the Head of Estates to the Policy and Resources Committee on 22 September 2009 recommended the acquisition of property. This acquisition requires the Capital Plan to be adjusted to bring the expenditure forward into the current financial year.
- 3.5 To access the High School Sports Project the extension of Edgar Road has progressed to detailed design to meet the deadline of April 2010 for the possible start of construction. It is proposed that funding for this is transferred from this year's Western Distributor Road allocation. See Section 4(c) below.
- 3.6 Detailed design is underway on the Edgar Road extension and Access Road to the High School. Topographical survey and ground investigation of the area have been completed. A planning application for the proposals is due to be submitted soon. It is expected that the design will be completed and tenders could be issued in December 2009.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) *Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan*

This report is in accordance with Local Priority 8 (Roads / Transport – addressing the transport infrastructure and encouraging sustainable travel) of the Single Outcome Agreement.

(b) *Policy and Legal*

None.

(c) *Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)*

The revised allocation in the Capital Plan for Elgin Traffic Management is as shown below:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Existing Allocation	470	1480	2350
Proposed Allocation – as detailed below	700	1480	2120
Extension of Edgar Road	150	1,000	
Western Distributor Road	200	350	2,070
Elgin Traffic Model	80	50	50
Elgin Car Parking Strategy	20	80	
Transportation study	20		
Property Acquisition	230		
Total	700	1,480	2,120

There is no change to the overall 3-year budget.

All figures are in £,000.

(d) Consultations

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant has been consulted and is in agreement with the financial proposals.

Stuart Beveridge, Senior Estates Surveyor and Gordon Holland, Transportation Manager have been consulted and are in agreement with the report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 With Consultant Engineers appointed, the initial priority is to review and confirm the scope and phasing of the project based on needs and available resources.
- 5.2 The re-profiling of the Capital Plan will allow for the unplanned expenditure relating to this acquisition as well as more accurately reflect the work being undertaken on the Edgar Road extension.

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