10 STANNERGATE TO DOUGLAS TERRACE WALKWAY COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS (AN161-2008)

Reference is made to Article XV of the Planning and Transport Committee of 8th January, 2007, whereby approval was given to appoint Torith Ltd to carry out sections of work to coastal structures in the above area to a value of £289,526. Reference is also made to Article VI and Article V of the Planning and Transport Committees of 13th August, 2007 and 11th February, 2008, whereby following successful funding bids with SUSTRANS and the Scottish Executive Vacant Derelict Land Fund (VDLF), the contract with Torith Ltd was subsequently extended to £839,526 to carry out further works.

Since that time, coastal erosion has taken place in an area of natural coastline such that emergency works are required as soon as possible. It is proposed to construct a permanent sea wall in this area to the same high standard as the other new works in the area. Given the emergency nature of the works, the fact that the original contract was won in competitive tender and as the works continue to be carried out to a high quality standard, the Chief Executive authorised the further extension of the contract with Torith Ltd to carry out these emergency works to the value of £290,000 based on the original contract rates. To this an allowance of £30,000 requires to be made for the CDM Co-ordinator and professional fees, making a total of £320,000 for the project. The works are currently underway.

The Head of Finance confirms that the required funding is available through Capital Receipts in 2008/09.

The Committee is asked to note the foregoing.