

#### **4 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND - HILLTOWN CAR PARKING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (AN184-2003)**

Reference is made to Article XI of the Minute of Meeting of this Committee of 11th March, 2002 wherein inter alia the Committee approved proposals for Car Parking and Environmental Enhancement of former toilet block sites on the eastern and western sides of Hilltown at an initial cost estimate of £30,665 based on August 2001 prices.

This scheme has been substantially revised and advanced to detailed design stage. These changes bring the scheme into line with new regulations and will facilitate access to a new automated public convenience facility by the disabled. It is proposed that the unit be located on the western site to minimise costs. Three new car parking spaces will also be created through provision of a layby on the western site and hard and soft landscaping works to both the eastern and western sites. Provision of additional parking spaces contribute to delivering the recommendations of the Hilltown Shopping Study reported to the Planning and Transportation Committee on 27th September 1999 and are supported by retailers and the community, Article number IX refers.

Rising costs since August 2001 and more accurate cost identification and estimation as the project details have developed have also impacted on the overall scheme which stands at a new total of £50,120.04. It is recommended that the Committee approve the revised scheme.

The scheme will be financed from the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund 2003/04 allocated to Dundee City Council by the Scottish Executive.