

14 COMMERCIAL STREET/MURRAYGATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS (AN191-2006)

As part of the ongoing City Centre improvements, proposals have been prepared for carrying out environmental improvement works at Commercial Street/Murraygate junction. The proposals seek to improve road safety associated with this very busy and important crossing. SET are unable to commit any funding to the project at present. It is therefore proposed to undertake these works in two stages.

The first stage involves all of the "off-carriageway" works in the form of tactile surfacing adjacent to footway crossings, street furniture and landscaping works. This has the advantage of avoiding disruption to public transport at the same time as other major works, including the Dock Street tunnel strengthening works, are being undertaken.

A second stage of works involving carriageway construction including textured surfacing, widening of setted paving and installation of carriageway markings is proposed following a period of monitoring and evaluation of the off-carriageway works.

Tayside Contracts have offered to carry out these works under this partnership agreement for the sum of £54,500 Allowances of £13,000 for professional fees and £7,500 for contingencies should be made, giving an overall expenditure of £75,000 for the first stage works.

The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) advises that the above can be met from allowances within the Planning and Transportation Department Capital Plan 2006/2007. Committee is asked to note the above and agree to these proposals.