

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 15 APRIL 2002

REPORT ON: DUNDEE AIRPORT - RUNWAY STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT

REPORT BY: CITY ENGINEER

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain approval of the proposed Partnership contract to carry out strengthening works to the centre section of the runway at Dundee Airport.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of Tayside Contracts, Dundee as the Partnership Contractor for the strengthening works, subject to satisfactory funding from the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR).

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The approved 2002/03 Capital Plan for Dundee Airport under the heading Central Runway Overlay includes a provision of £915,000 split as follows:

2001-02 - £25,000

2002-03 - £875,000

2003-04 - £15,000

A bid for sufficient Capital Borrowing Consent to implement the recommended 2002/03 Dundee Airport programme was lodged with the DTLR in January 2002. Following discussions with the DTLR regarding the need for an early start to the runway works, the Director of Finance advises that the DTLR are giving the bid a high priority and expect to be able to recommend the bid to the Scottish Executive.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Completion of the strengthening works will allow the airport to operate efficiently and expand and as a consequence will contribute to Key Theme 4 by ensuring local needs are met locally.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Approval in principle was given by the Economic Development Committee on 14 January 2002 for the formation of a Partnership between Tayside Contracts, the City Engineers Division and Economic Development Department to deliver the project (Report 37-2002 Dundee Airport, Four Year Capital Expenditure Plan 2002-03 to 2005-06 refers). The City Engineer was then remitted to bring forward a report which detailed the proposed contractual arrangements and costs for approval.

7 REPORT

- 7.1 The works generally comprise of the strengthening and reshaping of the central 800m of the runway by resurfacing. Other works include the upgrading of associated runway edge lighting and an extension to the existing access perimeter track.

- 7.2 Under a partnership agreement Tayside Contracts have agreed to carry out these works up to a Guaranteed Maximum Price of £850,000 and it will result in the following total costs :-

Works Costs	Tayside Contracts	£850,000
Professional Services		<u>£65,000</u>
		<u>£915,000</u>

- 7.3 As discussed in Report 37-2002, in order to maintain scheduled flights it is proposed that the airport remains open and fully operational throughout the contract. Works will therefore be carried out in stages overnight in such a manner as to allow the airport to re-open each morning.
- 7.4 It is recognised that carrying out work at night increases the potential of noise intrusion and disturbance to local residents. Control measures will be established to reduce the noise from plant and equipment at source and measures will also be put in place to actively monitor the audibility of the site noise during the period of the works. It is anticipated that the works will take in the order of 4 weeks to complete.
- 7.5 As the work concerned in this report is being undertaken by the Council (Economic Development Department), the normal enforcement procedures employed by the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection relating to noise issues, are not applicable ie the Council cannot take action against itself. However, the City Engineer has agreed with the Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection that he will respond to any concerns raised concerning noise control measures, as if formal enforcement procedures applied. Such an arrangement should ensure that members of the public still have recourse to an independent source of investigation, and improvement action.

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Chief Executive and the Directors of Support Services, Finance, Economic Development and Environmental and Consumer Protection have been consulted on the contents of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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