

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 19TH MAY 2003
REPORT ON: DUNDEE AIRPORT:- CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN: 2003-04
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO.: 329-2003

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to request approval for an item of capital investment at Dundee Airport, within Financial Years 2003-04, and 2004-05.
- 1.2. The Department for Transport has indicated that it is not yet in a position to notify its full level of capital borrowing consent for 2003-04. It therefore will not be possible to report upon the airport capital programme as a whole until the Department for Transport has confirmed the resources that it can make available in the present financial year.
- 1.3. The purpose of this report is to facilitate early progress on project preparation to ensure that expenditure on priority works can be completed within the current financial year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee should approve the terms of this report, and specifically that preparation of the scheme indicated below should be progressed with a view to it proceeding as soon as formal capital expenditure consent is received from the Department for Transport and the Scottish Executive.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Expenditure on this programme will be subject to the receipt of formal capital borrowing consent from the Department for Transport in due course. However, pending its final decision on allocation levels, the DfT has indicated that a substantial consent can be anticipated, and that the project described below is seen by it as the priority for implementation in the present financial year.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no implications for Local Agenda 21.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no negative equal opportunities implications.

6. REPORT

- 6.1 Since an initial programme was mapped out in the autumn of 2002, Council officers have been working closely with DfT on the technical details of the main project for this year, - the Single Airside Access Control Facility, which will involve the physical rationalisation of access to the aerodrome by staff, vehicles, flight crews, trades/servicing personnel, and General Aviation crews and passengers. The project also involves the upgrading of the electronic pass control system that disciplines the movement of such categories of activity within the airside part of the aerodrome. These measures will enable Dundee Airport fully to comply with a DfT national directive of April 2002, - conformity with which is required, in part, by 31st December 2003, and in full by 2004-05.

- 6.2 The development of this project to meet DfT national requirements has resulted in a substantial increase in the anticipated cost. As a result, this project is now estimated at a total cost of £650,000, comprising a £530,000 first phase to be carried out in 2003-04, and a £120,000 second phase to be carried out in 2004-05.
- 6.3 The Single Airside Access Control facility is a complex project, involving civil engineering, building construction and specialised services from external sources of expertise. It therefore would be difficult and slow to implement through a traditional tendered contract. Because site clearance and facility relocations must take place before any construction can begin, there is a need for rapid progress now to ensure that the building phase does not end-up being timed for the worst weather of the winter of 2003-04.
- 6.4 It is therefore recommended that this project should be progressed by developing a detailed scheme in Partnership with a main contractor, to be identified by the Director of Support Services. It is also considered that named specialist contractors in the fields of communications and electronic pass control systems should be identified, subject to the approval of the Chief Executive, to work alongside the Partnership in the integration of their systems into the overall scheme.
- 6.5 A full capital works programme for Dundee Airport will be submitted to the Committee for its consideration when the Department for Transport has decided upon the availability of Capital Borrowing Consent.
- 7. CONSULTATIONS**
- 7.1. The Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, the City Engineer and the Chief Executive have been consulted on the contents of this report.
- 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 8.1. No background papers, as defined in 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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DATE: 7TH MAY 2003