

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
26 JUNE 2000**

**REPORT ON: MID CRAIGIE AND LINLATHEN INTEGRATED REGENERATION
STRATEGY**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 367/2000

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain approval and authority to progress to tender stage with projects for this financial year under the programme of environmental improvements for the area.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves:

- preparation of environmental improvement projects within the vicinity of a) the Hub and Brooksbank centres at Pitkerro Road, b) Happyhillock Road, c) Pitkerro Road and Midmill Road, d) Longtown Road junction with Kingsway East, e) Afton Place, f) Kingsway East (Pitairlie Road to Pitkerro Road) and g) Rainbow House at Mauchline Road;
- progression to the stage of invitations to tender;
- expenditure of £10,000 from the Transportation budget towards the cost of a light controlled pedestrian crossing at Happyhillock Road.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Dundee City Council contribution towards the provision of a light controlled pedestrian crossing at Happyhillock Road is estimated at £10,000. Provision will require to be made from within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2000/2001 Capital Estimates for Minor Schemes, subject to the availability of resources.
- 3.2 Scottish Enterprise Tayside have confirmed their contribution to the Masterplan programme for Mid Craigie and Linlathen in 2000/01 as £164,000. A further £20,000 has been approved through the Social Inclusion Partnership. This will give a total budget of £194,000.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals impact positively on a number of key themes which all contribute to the achievement of settlements which are "human" in scale and form through implementation of the local community regeneration strategy.

These include:

- improving or reducing pedestrian/vehicle conflict and access to key facilities in the area;
- improvement of property and security;
- and the empowerment of local people to participate in decision making.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposals seek to improve access for all to community facilities within the Mid Craigie and Linlathen area. These are part of a community regeneration strategy to tackle social, economic, environmental and community resource deprivation. Each project falls within a network of routes designed to improve pedestrian and cyclist access from different sub-areas of the wider locality.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 This Committee gave its approval in September 1996 (Report No 329/96) to the environmental regeneration of Mid Craigie and Linlathen through the Environmental Master plan for the area. This forms the main physical element of the community regeneration strategy developed under the Social Inclusion Partnership initiative.
- 6.2 The programme of environmental improvements developed as part of the Masterplan is now entering its fourth year of implementation. Completion of projects next year will bring the identified funding programme for the Environmental Masterplan to a conclusion.
- 6.3 Main funding sources in 2000/2001 include Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Scottish Homes, the European Union and Social Inclusion Partnership's fund.
- 6.4 Extensive public consultations have taken place including a review of the Masterplan during the first half of this year. Adjustments have been made to the programme as a result of this exercise. It is now imperative that progress is made with current projects in order to take advantage of financial agreements in 2000/2001. Further consultation on projects will be undertaken as they progress.

7 PROJECTS IN THE CURRENT YEAR

PROJECT	COMMENT	APPROXIMATE COST
The Hub and Brooksbank Centres, Pitkerro Road	It is recommended that approval is given to progress the following projects to tender submission stage: These schemes include access improvement, car parking provision, traffic calming, landscaping and environmental improvements. Tender stage is imminent.	£40k and £10k respectively
Happyhillock Rd Environmental Improvements and Pedestrian Crossing	Streetscape improvements will be introduced around the Happyhillock Road, Midmill Road junction leading towards the junction with Inglefield Street. A light controlled crossing point will also be installed.	£70,000
Pitkerro Road/ Midmill Road	This is a low cost extension to the community access and cycleway network forming part of an approved bid for European funding.	£10,000
Rainbow House	Access and environmental improvements.	£7,000

- 7.1 It is recommended that approval is given to progress the following projects to draft design stage.

PROJECT	COMMENT	APPROXIMATE COST
Kingsway East/Longtown Road Junction	Design preparation for next financial year which considers options for improving this junction and the residential amenity of Longtown Road and Place.	£5,000
Kingsway East, from Pitkerro Road to Pitairlie Road	Alterations to the access road which runs along the front of Council property in this location may be required as part of works to improve the Longtown Road/Kingsway East junction. The project would also promote development of the Ambassador Routes scheme and contribute to potential improvements to the adjacent property by the Housing Department.	£8,000
Afton Place	Environmental improvement design proposals which upgrade this area of Linlathen and contribute to promotion of the Ambassador Routes scheme.	£2,000

8 CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Housing, Director of Economic Development and Director of Neighbourhood Resources, have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

9 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Report No 329/96 Mid Craigie and Linlathen Integrated Regeneration Strategy, Planning and Transportation Committee, 30 September 1996 (Article IV refers).

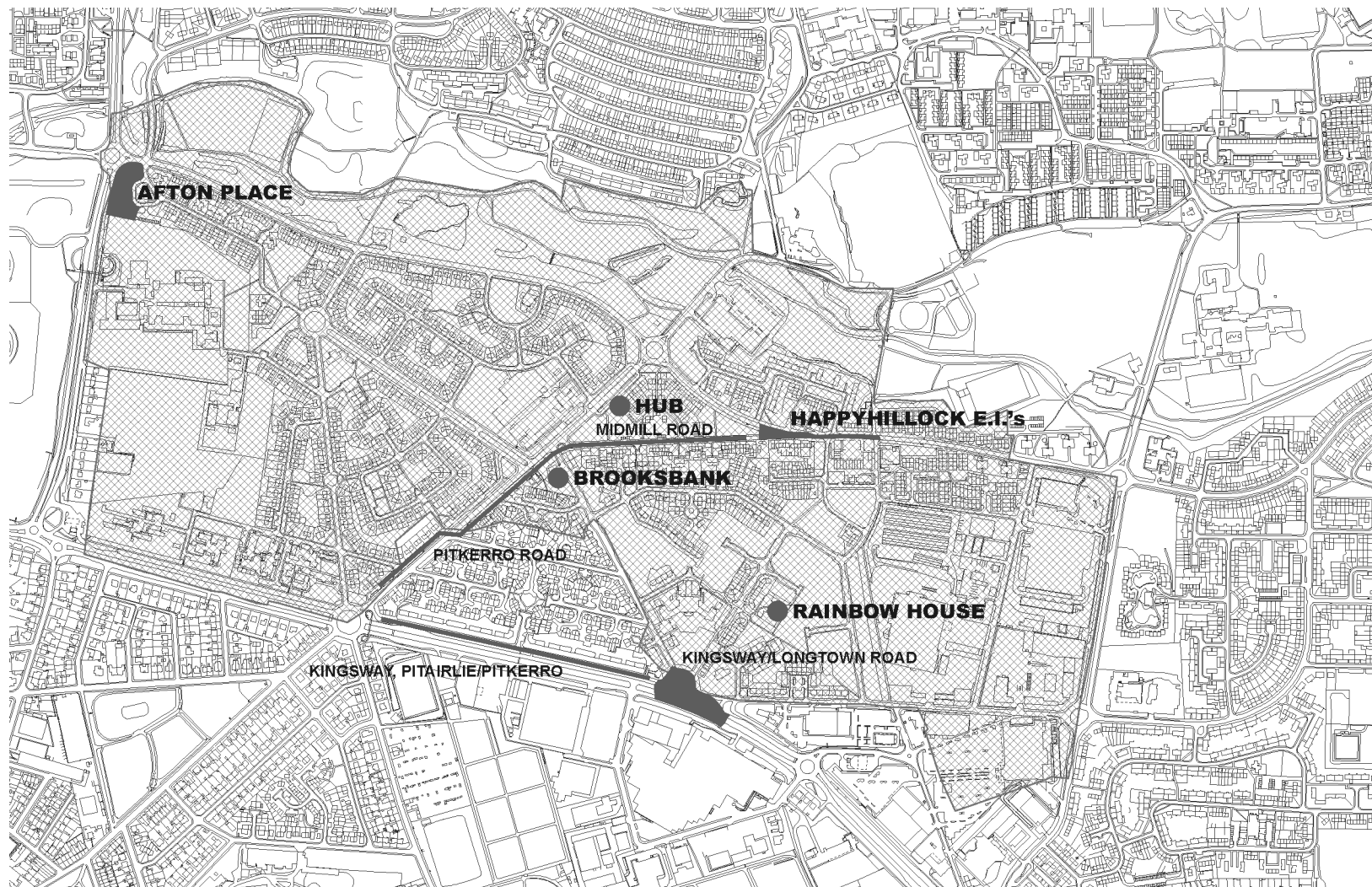
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