

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
24 SEPTEMBER 2001**

**REPORT ON: NORTH OF SCOTLAND WATER AUTHORITY INVESTMENT PLAN 2001-
2002**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 539/01

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To outline details of the North of Scotland Water Authority's Investment Plan for 2001/2002.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the general terms of the North of Scotland Water Authority's Investment Plan and in particular, the proposed investment in Dundee.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications for the City Council as a direct result of this report.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The investment proposed by the North of Scotland Water Authority will bring significant environmental benefits through the improvement of sewage treatment plants and sewage systems as well as providing safe, clean drinking water. This will contribute towards the achievement of a number of the key themes in Dundee 21, including:

- Resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised; and
- Pollution is limited to levels at which natural systems can cope.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no equal opportunities implications arising as a direct result of this report.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 The North of Scotland Water Authority (NOSWA) has recently published a one-year Investment Plan for 2001-2002. This represents a change from previous years when Investment Plans have covered three year periods. The change in approach is caused by a major review currently being carried out by the Scottish Executive on the investment needs of all three Scottish Water Authorities during 2002-2006. Until this review is complete NOSWA cannot be certain about the levels of investment beyond 2002.

6.2 Notwithstanding the timescale of the Investment Plan, NOSWA emphasise that a full programme of investment for future years exists.

6.3 NOSWA propose to invest nearly £125 million in the main building programme, with a further £70 million to be funded through Public Private Partnerships. As with previous years, demanding legal standards for sewage treatment and drinking water quality drive much of the proposed investment. By far the greatest part of the investment programme, almost 60%, is directed towards cleaning up rivers, lochs and beaches. The remaining expenditure is divided between drinking water quality improvements (25%) and renewing or upgrading existing treatment works and pipes (17%), with a small amount going to providing new services.

- 6.4 The Investment Plan outlines a number of projects in Dundee. These are detailed below under the appropriate headings:

Project	Expenditure 2001/2002	Total Expenditure	Completion Date
Improvements in drinking water quality standards			
Clatto Water Treatment Works Phases 1&2	£1.908 million	£3.468 million	Spring 2003
Cleaning up rivers, lochs and beaches			
Tay Wastewater Project	£12 million	£110 million	Late 2001
Renewing and upgrading existing pipes and treatment works (water)			
Clatto to Jeanfield Augmentation	£350,000	£480,000	Summer 2001
Duplication of Lintrathen to Clatto Trunk Main	£4.1 million	£18.507 million	Summer 2003
Clatto Water Treatment Works – Treated Water Storage Reservoir Refurbishment	£53,000	£250,000	Summer 2001
Renewing and upgrading existing pipes and treatment works (wastewater)			
Dock Street Tunnel	£3 million	£4.5 million	Spring 2002

- 6.5 In the past, regular contact between NOSWA and Dundee City Council has afforded opportunities for the investment needs of the City to be discussed. Similar arrangements will be sought in the future following the amalgamation of the three water authorities to ensure that the water and drainage requirements of Dundee continue to be met.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 North of Scotland Water Authority Investment Plan 2001/2002.

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