

1 DUNDEE CULTURAL QUARTER – SOUTH TAY STREET/NETHERGATE JUNCTION (AN308-2002)

A study commissioned under the auspices of the Dundee Partnership into public realm works required to support the agreed strategy of creating a Cultural Quarter in Dundee centred on South Tay Street/West Port is nearing completion. The study has confirmed the dislocation effect for pedestrians between the DCA and the Rep Theatre caused by the large traffic flows in the area at certain times of the day. The final study report will propose a series of streetscape and signage improvements in South Tay Street and Nethergate to address this and strengthen the link for pedestrians between the two venues and the remainder of the Cultural Quarter. These proposals will be subject to a round of consultations and are programmed for implementation in 2003-2004.

SET have indicated that funding has become available in 2002-03 and the opportunity exists to implement a first stage of work at the junction of South Tay Street and Nethergate this financial year, which will provide immediate benefits to pedestrians in the area and begin to underpin the creation of a recognisable Cultural Quarter in Dundee.

In order to achieve the expenditure by March 2003, it is recommended that the work be carried out as an extension to the current contract with Tayside Contracts for Commercial Street North, which contains similar work. It is recommended that the Committee authorise additional expenditure of £80,000 which includes allowance for fees and contingencies and notes SET's contribution of £75,000 to these additional works.