

## **19 DOCK STREET TUNNEL (AN401-2006)**

Reference is made to Article I of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 9th May 2005 wherein the City Engineer was remitted to appoint AMCO to work with the design team to develop the detailed proposals for the strengthening of Dock Street Tunnel as part of the Central Waterfront Development. The Director of Planning and Transportation was also given authority to negotiate a contract within the overall allowance of £8.495 million and the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) authorised to accept the recommended offer subject to funding availability.

Reference is also made to Article X of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 12th December 2005 wherein the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) was authorised to agree the final wording and on behalf of Dundee City Council enter into an Asset Protection Agreement with Network Rail. Committee was also advised that the design solution had been revised to reduce risk to the Council.

The detailed proposals for the strengthening of Dock Street Tunnel have now been finalised and agreed with Network Rail, as has authority to enter the Asset Protection Agreement. During the detailed design phase it became apparent that it would be more cost effective and less disruptive in the future to bring forward the reconstruction of Dock Street which is required in any case as part of the overall Central Waterfront Development.

On the basis of the original tender submitted by AMCO, a tender of £6,172,289.93 for the strengthening of Dock Street Tunnel including the reconstruction of Dock Street itself has been negotiated with AMCO. Once all other allowances are made, the revised overall project allowance is £7,800,456.93 which includes a sum of £450,000 for the permanent reinstatement of Dock Street.

It should be noted that there is a substantial comparative saving of around £1.35 million over the previously agreed allowances of £8.696 million which excluded Dock Street reconstruction.

The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) confirms that funding is available for these works through the Cities Growth Fund for 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 and therefore there is no need to carry out the works in stages as previously reported.

Works were programmed to start on 27th November 2006 with a contract period of 52 weeks.

In view of the timescales involved, the Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Transportation, after consultation with the Convener and spokespersons from the other groups, approved the appointment of AMCO.

The Committee is asked to note the above.