

### **3 HIRD BRIDGE, BALGAY PARK (AN418-2006)**

Reference is made to Article VIII of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20th February 2006, wherein the City Engineer was appointed to develop the design of the restoration work for this bridge and seek tenders. Reference is also made to Article VI of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26th June 2006, wherein Gifford was appointed to carry out the first phase of the project which was a structural analysis and associated report.

The report has now been received and it identifies that the bridge requires some strengthening works to be carried out and complete replacement of the bridge deck. The report also identifies proposed restoration methods and procedures and recommends some further intrusive investigations of the structure to inform the detailed design. The work carried out in the first phase of the project will now allow the second phase of the detailed design of the restoration work to be undertaken in consultation with Historic Scotland.

The Committee is asked to approve the appointment of Gifford for this second phase of the project, the detailed design of the required strengthening and remedial work and preparation of specifications. The estimated cost of this detailed design work is £38,000 including the further intrusive investigations, The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that funding for this element of the project is available.

The City Engineer continues to project manage the project and will prepare the contract documents and invite tenders. As noted previously, due to the requirement for staged approval by Historic Scotland, it is anticipated that the works will commence on site in May 2007 and be completed by October 2007. Tenders for the works will be reported to a future Committee.