

**4 TAYSIDE AND CENTRAL SCOTLAND TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP (TACTRAN) REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY, DUNDEE WEST INTEGRATED TRANSPORT INITIATIVE - RIVERSIDE AVENUE APPROACH TO SWALLOW ROUNDABOUT: EXTENSION TO LEFT TURN LANE (AN44-2009)**

As part of the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital programme and under the Dundee West Integrated Transport Strategy the City Engineer was appointed by TACTRAN to prepare the preliminary and detailed designs for the Riverside Avenue Approach to Swallow Roundabout: Extension to Left Turn Lane and to undertake the supervision and administration of the site works. Details of the TACTRAN 2008/09 Capital programme were reported to the Planning & Transport Committee on 8 September 2008 for information (Article II refers). The works, which are to be undertaken within the boundaries of Perth & Kinross Council, are designed to reduce congestion at peak times and include extending the existing west bound left turn lane by approximately 300m.

To carry out the works, joint funding by Dundee City Council and Perth and Kinross Council is being provided through the TACTRAN 2008/2009 capital programme.

Available Budget for Project

Dundee City Council	£160,000
Perth and Kinross Council	£240,000
Total	£400,000

Funding for the project has been allocated to the respective Councils and is to be spent by 31 March 2009 however, expenditure within the required timescale was not achievable if the traditional procurement route of competitive tendering was followed. The Chief Executive therefore approved a partnership arrangement with Tayside Contracts to carry out these works as they have particular expertise, appropriate experience and extensive knowledge of similar types of work. This approach was also approved by TACTRAN and Perth and Kinross Council.

Tayside Contracts submitted an offer of £295,852 and a comparison of costs confirmed this offer to be in line with previous costs obtained in competition taking due consideration of current market trends. In addition to the works costs a sum of £30,000 needs to be added for professional services and a further £74,148 contingency for public utility diversionary works bringing the total sum for the project to £400,000.

The Head of Finance confirms that funding is available as outlined above.

Committee is asked to note the above for information.