

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 22ND OCTOBER 2007**

**REPORT ON: CONSTRUCTION OF A TRACK AT DUNDEE AIRPORT**

**REPORT BY: THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO: 509-2007**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To request approval for the letting of a contract for the construction of a track at Dundee Airport.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the Committee should approve the letting of a contract to Tayside Contracts for the construction of a track at Dundee Airport at a cost of £22,534.12 with a further allowance of £5,000 for upgrading work elsewhere on the existing track of which this is an extension.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The cost of this work will be met by a Capital Grant from the Scottish Executive, and there is sufficient provision in the Airport Capital Plan to cover the cost.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 In conjunction with Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd, as prospective future operators of Dundee Airport, agreement was reached on a number of priority capital works that would be recommended to the Committee. One such agreed measure is the completion of the airport's southern perimeter road by constructing some 375 metres of new rubble track.

4.2 The reason for it now being identified as a priority is to reduce vehicle movements on the runway in relation to the new fire training ground at the west end of the airport, and against the background of a sharp increase in air traffic since the Spring of this year.

4.3 It had been anticipated that this work would go forward under HIAL following the transfer of the airport to that body, but with the transfer now expected later in the autumn it has become important to let this construction contract as soon as possible as it would not be possible to carry out the work under wet winter conditions, if the work was to await the transfer to HIAL.

4.4 In view of the need to start work at the earliest possible date it is recommended that the Committee should approve the letting of the work directly to Tayside Contracts, at a cost of £22,534.12. However, in addition it is requested that the Committee should approve an allowance of an additional £5,000 for selective upgrading of existing parts of the southern perimeter road which will need re-inforcement to cope with increased use.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 There are no major issues.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance.

**7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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