

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
30 AUGUST 2004**

**REPORT ON: GRANT OFFER FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN  
2004/2005**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 520-2004**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek committee approval for the implementation of Public Transport Projects arising from extra funding made available by the Scottish Executive in 2004/2005.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the implementation of Public Transport Projects as outlined within this committee report.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

- 3.1 Dundee City Council has received a grant of £427,581 from the Scottish Executive under Section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 for cost incurred on local public transport projects during financial year 2004/2005.
- 3.2 All financial costs associated with works outlined within this report will be met from this grant.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The public transport schemes promoted within this report are aimed at providing a travel alternative to the private car and as such will contribute to the protection of Dundee's environment.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The schemes promoted within this report are aimed at improving public transport for the benefit of all Dundee's citizens, whether or not they have access to a car or are able bodied or have a disability, thus ensuring Dundee's transport network caters for all. This additional funding will assist in Dundee's aspirations to become a barrier free city by making, where possible, all bus shelters and stops Disabled Discrimination Act compliant within the next 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 The Scottish Executive made an official offer of grant on 9 June 2004 to Dundee City Council to be used for any public transport project that aligns with the Council's Local Transport Strategy.
- 6.2 The grant provided is £427, 851 and must be claimed for costs incurred within financial year 2004/2005. The only restriction is that it may not be used for road

construction or repair, or any other measures that will similarly benefit private car users.

- 6.3 Dundee City Council has two major public transport projects ongoing at present - "Bringing Confidence into Public Transport (BCPT)" and "Smartbus". Both these projects align with the local transport strategy and aim to develop high quality on-street facilities together with a step-change in information available. In partnership with the bus operators these projects will provide Dundee with a high quality, comprehensive and cohesive service that is at the forefront of public transport provision in the UK.
- 6.4 To ensure these projects maintain a high quality standard throughout the city, it is intended that the additional grant finance is targeted at measures that will improve the bus environment and enhance passenger safety and comfort.
- 6.5 This additional grant will permit the full replacement programme for 340 shelters in the city, ensuring high quality materials and information throughout.
- 6.6 In addition to providing CCTV on buses, consideration has been given to providing a CCTV system for the bus shelters. This will improve safety and security for waiting passengers and will also act as a deterrent to vandalism, thereby reducing maintenance costs.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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