

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<p>To : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From : DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date : 18 November 1998      Ref : BS/PJ</p>	<p>Subject : UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>CAPITAL PROJECTS - AUCHINLEA LANDFILL PHASE 5 AND DALMACOULTER LANDFILL - DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK'S LAND</p>
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**PROPOSED DECISION**

To note the content of this Landfill Capital Projects update report.

**BACKGROUND**

A sum of £415,000 has been allocated in the current year's Capital Programme to finance the work at Auchinlea Landfill Site and a further sum of £481,000 has also been allocated to finance the work at Dalmacoultter Landfill.

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**AUCHINLEA**

The projected final costs at this time are £337,850 plus £49,758 for approved additional works which were found necessary but could not have been foreseen making a total of £385,608. The contingency sum remaining is £29,419 but a sum for professional fees of £27,401 requires to be allowed. However a further sum of £35,000 was allocated in the tender cost for a sewer connection from the Leachate Lagoon and this work has also yet to be carried out. Discussions between our consultants and West of Scotland Water are continuing to ascertain if this work could be postponed until the next phase of development or an alternative proposal adopted to allow the work to be completed within its budget. If this work requires to be carried out now then there is an estimated potential overspend of £32,981 at this time. It should be noted however that the figures in the projected final cost include a sum of £13,000 for a potential contractor's claim, which our consultants dispute.

The contract work undertaken by Messrs I & H Brown, Perth is anticipated to be completed on 13 November 1998, four weeks beyond the 16 week contract period due primarily to adverse weather conditions.

**DALMACOULTER**

Similarly contract work awarded to Messrs I & H Brown, Perth for the development of Black's Land at Dalmacoultter has been severely affected by the recent continued wet weather. It is anticipated that the expected contract duration of 10 weeks will be at least 11 weeks overtime with a revised completion date of 4 December 1998. The wet weather has seriously hampered the construction of the retaining bund which requires the imported

materials of pulverised fuel ash, burnt shale and clay to be rolled and compacted to a specification prior to the placement of the flexible membrane liner. The contractor has intimated in terms of the contract that these weather delays are outwith his control and as detailed in the contract requests payment for the supervision etc. for the duration of the works which are time related. It is expected that this overrun in the contract will amount to a sum of £64,515. The ancillary matters related to the project detailed in my report dated 18 June 1998, have not all been undertaken to accommodate this overrun. It should be noted that each additional week's delay in the contract, should adverse weather continue, amounts to a sum of £5,865. The removal of a ditch within the existing landfill site with the approval of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency has fortunately allowed extra void space at present to facilitate continued tipping in the existing area. However the contractors are aware of the necessity for completion of this project.

The projected final costs at this time are as follows:

Expenditure to date	£220,196
Value of Outstanding work	£85,000
Approved additional works (Boreholes, Rock Extraction, Clay Removal)	£26,829
Overrun of contract by 11 weeks (To I & H Brown)	£37,950
Consultant Fees due to overrun of contract by 11 weeks (To M J Carters)	£26,565
Other expenditure to date (Consultant Fees - Landfill Projects)	£57,804
TOTAL	£454,344

The capital budget remaining for "Waste Disposal and Dalmacoultter (development of Black's Land)" is £26,656 at this time.

## RECOMMENDATION

To note the report.

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