

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: CIVIC CENTRE: EXTERNAL WORKS – PODIUM COURTYARD
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The report advises the Committee of further works required to the stairways leading to the Civic Centre podium/courtyard.

2. Background

2.1 The Committee, at its meeting on 26 October 2005, homologated the action taken to extend the existing contract with Ashleigh Limited for external works at Motherwell Civic Centre to encompass, also, the stairways leading to the Civic Centre podium/courtyard, and this work has now commenced.

3. Developments

3.1 It has now been identified that additional strengthening of three of the four stairways is required. In particular, it has been identified that the stairway leading from the shop area to the car park area requires the provision of structural key sections on the under-side of the stair sections together with alterations from the balustrades from solid flats to hollow sections. The additional cost of those modifications has been identified at £10,146.81.

3.2 With regard to the stairways leading from the podium to the car park area, three options have been identified for the necessary strengthening work and further investigation of each of those options is being undertaken. On conclusion of that investigation, a further report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

3.3 In the meantime, to prevent delay in the progress of the works, following consultation with the Convener, the contractor has been instructed to undertake the identified works to the stairway leading from the shop area to the car park area.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- (a) note the additional works required to the stairways leading to the Civic Centre podium/courtyard;
- (b) homologate the action taken to instruct the contractor to undertake additional works to the stairway leading from the shop area to the car park area;

and

- (c) note that a further report will be submitted to the Committee following consideration of the options for strengthening the remaining two stairways.


Director of Administration

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact John Fleming, Head of Central Services on Extension 2228.