

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: Pelican to Puffin Upgrades Contract – Whifflet Street, Coatbridge
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend acceptance of the tender from Siemens Plc to upgrade the existing six pelican crossings (three double crossings) on Whifflet Street (A725), Coatbridge to puffin crossings.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Whifflet Street (A725) is a major distributor road linking Coatbridge with the A8/ M8 and is utilised by a high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, particularly as it passes through the residential and shopping area of Whifflet on the south side of Coatbridge.
- 2.2 Nationally there is a move towards replacing existing pelican stock with upgraded and more technically advanced puffin crossings. Due to the age of the existing traffic signal equipment on Whifflet Street where an increasing number of faults are being reported, new traffic signals are proposed at the cross, and the associated pelican crossings are being upgraded in advance of this work.

**3. Corporate Considerations**

- 3.1 This project will contribute towards the Council’s aim of improving road safety for road users and pedestrians which is one of the aims contained in the Promoting Community Safety & Development theme of the Corporate Plan. The costs for the work is included in the Cycling Walking and Safer Streets Capital Budget for 2004/2005.
- 3.2 The tender documents were issued to three contractors as follows.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Siemens Plc	£73,116.00
Peek Traffic Ltd	£75,927.00
Microsense Systems Ltd	£84,780.73

#### 4. Recommendations

4.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- a) Accept the tender submitted by Siemens Plc.
- b) Note that the Director of Planning & Environment will monitor the capital allocation and report to the Director of Finance accordingly

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