

**Motherwell, 10 January 2005 at 10 am.**

A Special Meeting of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor J. Coyle, Convener; Councillors McKenna and Wilson, Vice-Conveners; Provost Connelly; Councillors Barrie, Brooks, Gemmell, Gordon, Gormill, Gray, Hogg, Holloway, Homer, Irvine, McGhee, J. McGuigan, Maginnis, W. Martin, Moran, M. Murray, Smith and Wallace.

**CHAIR**

Councillor J. Coyle (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Manager, Head of Roads and Transportation and Traffic and Transportation Manager.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Burns, Devine, Gorman, Griffin, McCabe, McKendrick, Saunders and Shaw.

**TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL AND CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR STATUTORY REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIPS**

1. There was submitted a report dated 31 December 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment (1) seeking approval for the submission of a response to the Scottish Executive's consultation entitled "Proposals for statutory Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs) as contained in Appendix 1 to the report; (2) proposing a response to the Transport (Scotland) Bill to the Local Government and Transport Committee as contained in paragraph 3.4, 3.5 of the report and Appendix 2 to the report; (3) outlining the background relative thereto; (4) indicating that responses to the consultation on the proposals for statutory RTPs required to be submitted by 19 January 2005; (5) advising that the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2004 had been introduced into parliament on 29 October and was currently undergoing the stage 1 process during which the general principles would be considered by both the Finance and the Local Government and Transport Committees, and (6) recommending that the Committee approve the recommendations contained within the report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the submission of the comments in Appendix 1 to the report as the Council's response to the Scottish Executive consultation document, "Proposals for Statutory Regional Transport Partnerships" be approved, and
- (2) that the comments contained in paragraphs 3.4, 3.5 and Appendix 2 to the report be submitted to the Local Government and Transport Committee.

**A80 STEPPS TO HAGGS UPGRADE PROPOSALS - ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

2. Under reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 February 2004, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 30 December 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment regarding proposals for the A80 Stepps to Haggs upgrade.

The Convener advised the Committee of the submission of representations from Mr. R. Johnstone, Chair of Condorrat Community Council on behalf of Cumbernauld Community Councils and thereafter proposed that the matter be continued.

**Decided:** that consideration of the matter be continued to a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

**NEGOTIATED TENDER - CARRIAGEWAY REPAVE PROCESS 2004/2005 PHASE 2**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 December 2004 by the Director of Planning and Environment seeking authorisation to negotiate a tender with Colas Limited for the North Lanarkshire Council Carriageway Repave Process 2004/2005 Phase 2 Contract.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Director of Planning and Environment be authorised to negotiate a tender with Colas Limited for the North Lanarkshire Council Carriageway Repave Process 2004/2005 Phase 2 Contract, and
- (2) that, subject to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, a further report be submitted with a view to obtaining authorisation to award the contract.