

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: Traffic Signal Upgrade 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 traffic signals on Whifflet Street (A725), Coatbridge at the junction of School Street and upgrade the existing pedestrian barrier from School Street to Dundyvan Road.

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 Due to the age of the existing traffic signal equipment on Whifflet Street where an increasing number of faults are being reported, there is now a need to upgrade the signals to reduce the number of faults and improve efficiency of the signals.
- 2.3 Prior to inviting tenders for upgrading the traffic signals at Whifflet Cross a contract was approved by committee on 7 July 2004 and awarded to Siemens Plc to upgrade the existing six pelican crossings (three double crossings) on Whifflet Street.

3. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 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.


The tender documents were issued to three contractors as follows.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Siemens Plc	£239,130.00
Peek Traffic Ltd	£258,943.00
Microsense Systems Ltd	Did not Tender

Committee should note that although there is a requirement under section 5.8 of the General Contract Standing Orders to invite tenders from four persons, the above persons are the only known approved providers of traffic signal equipment in Scotland.

4. Recommendations

- 6.1 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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