

To: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: Footpath upgrade between Cairntoul Court, Balloch and the B8048	
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek homologation of the action taken by the Convenor and Director of Administration to appoint a contractor to upgrade an informal footpath between Cairntoul Court, Balloch, Cumbernauld and the B8048.

2. Background

- 2.1 The existing informal footpath runs along the line of the previously stopped up Rams Road between Cairntoul Court and the B8048.
- 2.2 Following recent developments within the Auchenkilns area the existing route is being utilised more frequently and in its current condition is unacceptable for pedestrian use.
- 2.3 The project will involve cutting back existing vegetation, providing a 3.0m wide asphalt footway with street lighting, which will create a safer and more attractive route for pedestrians to use.
- 2.4 The funding for this project is from the Planning & Environment Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets Budget for 2004/05 and 2005/2006.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 Tenders were invited from four contractors as follows.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Tender Amount After Checking</u>
Diack & MacAulay Ltd	£52,188.00
Newmac Asphalt Services Ltd	£52,273.00
MacLay Civil Engineering Ltd	£70,110.00
McKean and Co	Did not tender

- 3.2 Including 10% contingencies the total project cost will be £57,406.8
- 3.3 The Tender of £52,188.00 submitted by Diack & MacAulay Ltd has been consistently and competitively priced.
- 3.4 Although the works will be carried out on land owned by Link Housing Association permission has been received to undertake the works. On completion of the works the footpath will be added to the list of public roads and maintained by North Lanarkshire Council thereafter.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 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.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee agree to homologate:
- a) The appointment of Diack & MacAulay as the contractor for the roundabout construction contract.



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