

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 11

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: GARTLEA ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT	
Date: 14 March 2005	

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report updates Committee following the report of 18 October 2004.

2. Background

2.1 The procurement process is progressing steadily. Network Rail have recently re-tendered their framework contract and have appointed a new framework contractor. The successful contractor has been instructed to proceed with the detailed design which includes site investigation works to confirm ground conditions and the extent of disused mine workings in the vicinity of the bridge.

2.2 The previous report informed that negotiations were underway with Network Rail in order to determine if there were options for accelerating the project and to determine the extent of associated costs.

2.3 Negotiations have established that there are options for accelerating the project but these are dependent upon the results of the site investigation which should take place during March 2005, the exact date to be confirmed.

2.4 The associated cost of accelerating the project would be the cost of booking an additional railway possession, which has been confirmed by Network Rail as £2,829.55. This will be funded from the current Planning and Environment Capital Allocation under the heading of Bridge Investment Programme.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Committee is asked to :-

- a) Note that Network Rail are aware of the Council's desire to complete this project in the earliest possible timescale and are making every effort to accelerate it.
- b) Note that once the outcome of the site investigation is known, a more definite programme for the project will be developed and a further report will be made to Committee.
- c) note the additional expenditure of £2,829.55 in the event that the project can be accelerated.
- d) remit consideration of the report to the Airdrie Area Committee.



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