

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: GARTLEA ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT	
Date: 26 July 2005	

1. **Purpose of Report**

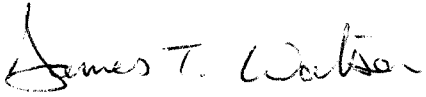
- 1.1 This report advises Committee of the programme for construction works following completion of the site investigation. Reference should be made to the committee report dated 14 March 2005.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 Committee was advised on 14 March 2005 that there may be options for accelerating the project dependent upon the outcome of the site investigation to confirm ground conditions and the extent of disused mine workings in the vicinity of the bridge.
- 2.2 The site investigation has been completed and has revealed that there are disused mine workings in the vicinity of the bridge and the proposed abutment extensions. Prior to commencement of the main construction works, these workings will have to be grouted.
- 2.3 It is possible to accelerate the commencement of the works by carrying out the grouting operations prior to December 2005 but there is no advantage to be gained from this because of the following:-
- Negotiations with public utilities have progressed and it has become apparent that the programme will be influenced heavily by the lead-in time for the diversion of the gas main. The works have to be programmed around this diversion which means that bringing the grouting operations forward would have no effect on the completion date of the contract.
 - Carrying out the grouting operations in advance of the main works would involve an additional period of traffic disruption and diversions and it is thought better to contain these within one period rather than subject road users and pedestrians to two spells of disruption before and after the festive season. Also, additional costs would be incurred since the contractor would have to mobilise and demobilise prior to the festive season and then re-mobilise again thereafter.
- 2.4 The most recent programme submitted by the contractor shows commencement on site in the first week of February 2006 and completion in the first week of June 2006. The contractor will use the intervening period to finalise and refine the design with a view to keeping costs and disruption to road and rail users to a minimum.
- 2.5 The project will be funded from the Planning and Environment Capital Allocation 05/06 and 06/07 under the heading of Bridge Investment Programme.

3. **Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to :-
- a) Note the timescales within this report and approve the proposal not to advance the grouting works because of the reasons detailed in paragraph 2.3 above.
 - b) Remit the report to the Airdrie Area Committee for information.

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