

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

MONTROSE TO A90 ROAD LINK STUDY

REPORT BY HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report updates the committee on the progress of the consultant commission associated with the Montrose to A90 Link Study and seeks approval to the reporting of key milestones and stakeholder consultation throughout the commission.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the progress of the Montrose to A90 Link Study; and
- (ii) approves the reporting on the stakeholders consultation, as detailed in the report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are prosperous and fair; and
- Our communities are safe and strong.

3. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to Item 3 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 24 May 2016 and report 210/16, which detailed progress made on feasibility and options appraisal for road links from Montrose to the A90, which focus on a new access to the A90 at Stracathro.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The consultancy services for the study were awarded to Amey OW Ltd on 20 July 2017 following a procurement exercise through the Excel Framework. The scope of the consultancy services are to support Angus Council in developing options to provide a new road link from the town of Montrose to the A90 trunk road and to provide all necessary appraisals, assessments and reports to meet the requirements of STAG (Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance) and DMRB (Design Manual for Roads and Bridges).

4.2 The project aims to provide a new North Angus investment corridor between Montrose and the strategic road network of the A90 at Stracathro, opening up new development land for commercial and housing development and support key growth potential, job creation and opportunities in the area including Montrose Port, Montrose North and South strategic sites and Brechin. It will improve the transport infrastructure and connectivity within the Tay Cities area, increasing opportunities for trade and investment and access to employment. It will also support tourism in the area and increase the attractiveness of the Tay Cities area as a place to work, live and invest. It will support outcomes of the strategic and local development plans and developing regional economic strategy as well as achieving the aims of the government economic strategy and local economic strategies.

- 4.3 A specific set of objectives for the scheme will be developed with Angus Council, taking cognisance of the above, Tay Cities Deal Business Case and the agreed Transport Planning Objectives (TPOs) from the STAG Stakeholder Workshop.
- 4.4 The key stakeholders that will be involved in the development of the STAG stages are Angus Council, Transport Scotland, TACTRAN (Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership) and NESTRAN (North East of Scotland Transport Partnership). Workshops are to be held with these 'STAG stakeholders' from Friday 20 October to Friday 24 November 2017 and Friday 22 February to Friday 29 March 2019.
- 4.5 Throughout the commission, wider engagement will also be carried out with Angus Council and other stakeholders, Statutory Consultees and interested parties, which include Royal Burgh of Montrose Community Council and City of Brechin and District Community Council. These engagement events will allow us to consult on key community issues with the scheme including impact of the scheme and local access issues and Development of Transport Planning Objectives and list of options. The events will include workshops and correspondence – see **Appendix 1** of this report for current list of stakeholders and interested parties.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the outcomes of the STAG stakeholder workshops are reported to this committee.
- 5.2 It is proposed that elected members be involved directly in the wider engagement events throughout the commission.
- 5.3 It is proposed that the outcomes of engagement events and updates on the development of the scheme are reported to this committee.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report No 210/16 – Montrose to A90 Road Link Study
- Report No 62/16 - Provisional Revenue and Capital Budgets 2016/2017 and Beyond - Provisional Capital Budgets Volume (Cream Cover), Angus Council, 18 February 2016

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Appendix 1 – Current list of stakeholders, Statutory Consultees and interested parties

APPENDIX 1

Current list of stakeholders, Statutory Consultees and interested parties

Aberdeenshire Council	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Architecture Design Scotland	Scottish Gas Network
BEAR Scotland	Scottish Natural Heritage
BP Forties Pipeline	Scottish Power
British Geological Society	Scottish Safety Camera
Bus and transport operators	Partnership
BT Openreach	Scottish Water
City of Brechin and District Community Council	Scottish Wildlife Trust
Forestry Commission	Tay Cities Deal Stakeholder group
Health & Safety Executive	Traffic Scotland
Historic Environmental Scotland	TS TRBO
Landowners, occupiers & tenants	Visit Scotland
Laurencekirk Scheme Partnership	
Network Rail	
Police Scotland	
Road Haulage	
Royal Burgh of Montrose Community Council	
RHA/FTA/CPT/CTC	
RSPB	
Scottish Ambulance Service	
Scottish Enterprise	
SEPA	