

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE      Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

DATE             20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

DIRECTOR        Gordon McIntosh

TITLE OF REPORT Newhills Road Improvements – Phase 2b

REPORT NUMBER:      EPI/110/093

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to update the Committee on the progress of this project and seeks support for the resources necessary to progress the scheme to completion.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a) Agree that it is desirable to progress the scheme to completion subject to finances being available.
  - b) refer the report to the next Finance and Resources Committee to consider the scheme relative to Council priorities and available Capital funding.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The sum of £95,000 is required to complete the scheme.

### 4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 This report links with National Outcomes 14 of the Single Outcome Agreement.
- 4.2 In terms of “Vibrant, Dynamic & Forward Looking” the policy of “Improving Aberdeen’s transport Infrastructure” applies. It also meets the objective within the Local Transport Strategy and the Road Safety Plan with regard to improving road safety.
- 4.3 This proposal has a neutral impact on Equality and Human Rights.

## 5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A detailed risk register will be developed as part of the project management of this scheme.

## 6. REPORT

- 6.1 At its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2004 the Environment & Infrastructure committee instructed improvements to the C88C and C89C in and around Newhills Junction. The scheme was separated into three parts to be undertaken in two phases.
- 6.2 Phase 1 of the scheme involved widening the C89C on its approach to the junction with the C88C, improving the junction, and widening the C88C to the limits of Council owned land in the vicinity of Newhills House. This was completed in September 2005.
- 6.3 Due to difficulties in securing land to construct the approved scheme it was not possible to implement the full extent of the proposed works. Therefore at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007, the Area Committee North approved that the City Solicitor promote the necessary compulsory purchase orders.
- 6.4 In November 2009, the Scottish Government approved the "Aberdeen City Council (Newhills Road Phase 2B) Compulsory Purchase Order 2007". Officers are proceeding with the purchase arrangements.
- 6.5 To reduce costs, the length of the road improvement has been reduced by 50 metres as shown on the attached plan. The revised proposals do not affect the overall safety gain derived from the overall scheme.
- 6.6 The estimated cost of completing the project is £95,000. Currently there is no provision in the Non-housing Capital Plan for this project.
- 6.7 Subject to funding being made available, the scheme could commence on site later this year.

## **7.0 Consultees comments**

### Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

**Convener:** Councillor Kate Dean – *has been consulted and has made no comment*

**Vice Convener:** Councillor Callum McCaig – *has been consulted and has made no comment*

### **Local Members**

Councillor Len Ironside	Has been consulted and has no comment
Councillor Wendy Stuart	Has been consulted and has no comment
Lord Provost Peter Steven	Indicated his full support for the proposals

### **Internal**

Gordon McIntosh, Has been consulted and has no comment

Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure.

Ciaran Monaghan, Has been consulted and has no comment  
Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive.

Jane MacEachran, Has been consulted and has no comment  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Susan Cooper, Has been consulted and has no comment  
City Chamberlain, Corporate Governance


Hugh Murdoch, Has been consulted and has no comment  
Head of Asset Management and Operations.

Elaine Hourston, Has been consulted and has no comment  
Account Manager, Corporate Governance.

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Appendix 1:- Newhills Road Improvements, Phase 2b