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**ENTERPRISE, PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**20 APRIL, 2010**

**NEWHILLS ROADS IMPROVEMENT**

1. With reference to article 48 of the minute of the meeting of the former Resources Management Committee of 4 December 2007, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which provided an update on the progress of the Newhills Road Improvements – Phase 2b Project - and sought support for the resources necessary to progress the scheme to completion.

By way of background the report provided an overview of the scheme wherein it was advised that the Newhills Road Improvements (Phase 2b Project) had been separated into three parts, which would be undertaken in two phases. Phase one of the scheme, which had been completed in September 2005, had involved the 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.

In terms of the remaining aspects of the scheme it was advised that, due to difficulties in securing land, it had not been possible to implement the works at that time. In order to resolve this issue and progress the scheme the former Environment and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2007 (article 5 of that minute refers) had approved the compulsory purchase of the land required for the Scheme to improve Newhills Road (Phase 2B) and instructed the City Solicitor to draft the necessary Compulsory Purchase Order in that regard. The Scottish Government in November 2009, had approved the “Aberdeen City Council (Newhills Road Phase 2B) Compulsory Purchase Order 2007” and officers were proceeding with the purchase arrangements.

With regard to the road improvements, it was advised that, in order to reduce costs, the length of the road improvement originally presented had been reduced by fifty metres (as shown on the plan attached to the report). Based on the revised proposal the estimated cost of completing the project was £95,000. At present there was no financial provision in the Non-housing Capital Plan for this project, and as such it was recommended that the report be referred to the Finance and Resources Committee for that Committee to consider the scheme relative to the Council’s priorities and available capital funding. If funding for the

scheme was allocated in the current financial year the scheme could commence on site later this year.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) that it was desirable to progress the scheme to completion subject to finances being available; and
- (ii) **to refer the report to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee on 11 May 2010, to consider the scheme relative to the Council's priorities and available capital funding.**