7 PUBLIC SPACE CCTV CAMERAS, ARDLER (AN165-2003)

Four CCTV cameras were installed in the Ardler area in Phase 1 of the system approximately six years ago. The redevelopment of the Ardler scheme has led to the reassessment of CCTV provision in the area. In consultation with Tayside Police and the Local Community Group the revised area of cover has now been established. One camera is to remain in its existing position at the front of the Neighbourhood Centre, another has already been repositioned to cover a children's play area.

It is planned to redeploy two of the existing cameras to cover the shopping precinct at Macalpine Road, and a new camera is planned for the rear of the Neighbourhood Centre. The maintenance contractor for the cameras, Thus plc, has provided a quotation of £38,835 to relocate the two cameras to Macalpine Road with the addition of allowances for electrical supplies etc the total cost is estimated at £40,000. It is estimated that the provision of a new camera at the Neighbourhood Centre will cost in the region of £25,000.

The estimated total cost of £65,000 can be funded from the Ardler Community Facilities capital budget, which is generated from the Ardler capital receipts. The ongoing maintenance and communication network rental costs, which are estimated at £2,500, can be met from the Economic Development Department's revenue budget for CCTV. Approval was sought to:-

- (i) approve acceptance of the quotation from Thus in the amount of £38,835 for the redeployment of two existing cameras; and
- (ii) approve acceptance of a quotation to be submitted by Thus in respect of the additional camera at the estimated cost of £25,000.

In view of the urgency to progress this work to facilitate the general upgrading of the Macalpine Road Centre and the Ardler Centre, approval has been given by the Director of Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Convener of the Planning and Transportation Committee, and spokespersons from the Majority and Minority Opposition Parties.

The Committee is asked to note the above.