

6 BUS ROUTE DEVELOPMENT GRANT - CROSS-CITY DIRECT - CONSTRUCTION OF MEDIPARK BUS LINK ROAD (AN62-2006)

Reference is made to Article XXIV of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21st March 2005 which outlined the purpose of a grant awarded to Dundee City Council by the Scottish Executive to introduce a new bus service to the City of Dundee. This grant has been used to introduce the No 13 and 15 bus service routes.

Within the grant was a capital allocation to construct a bus only section of road linking Dundee Technology Park with the Medipark and hence Ninewells Hospital. The Medipark bus link road is an important element of the cross-city bus route providing a direct link between two major employment areas - Technology Park and Ninewells Hospital. In addition, it will allow direct public transport links between Perth Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital via the Lower Carse.

In order to permit the construction of this link road a legal agreement was required between Dundee City Council, SET and NHS Trust. Convener's approval for this was given on 19th January 2006. The legal agreement takes two forms firstly a licence of agreement to occupy and construct the link road which will be in force until 30th April 2006. Secondly, following on from this a minute of agreement which includes the need for Dundee City Council:-

- to purchase the land from SET and NHS Trust at the cost of one pound, if so required by them; and
- to bear the cost of repositioning or amending equipment, traffic management and signage associated with a rising bollard if in future the positioning of these items could act as a constraint on the adjacent sites being developed (it is important to note that the rising bollard itself is not to be repositioned or amended, just its associated equipment, signage and traffic management, as such the cost of this will be minimal if it is indeed required).

The Committee is asked to note this position.