REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2001

REPORT ON: ALBERT STREET/HILLTOWN AND CITY CENTRE FACADES ENHANCEMENT GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

REPORT NO: 544-2001

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To bring to Committee's attention the further uptake of grants under the Façade Enhancement Grants Scheme (FEGS) and to uplift the grant offer made previously to 140-152 Hilltown, to take account of eligible and unforeseen works as identified during implementation.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Committee is asked to award the following grants:
 - a 124-126 Albert Street £12,000
 - b 140-152 Hilltown £1,805

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure of £13,805 in the financial year 2001/02 is included within the current approved Financial Plan for the financial year 2001/02. The grants recommended can be met from these sums.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 By the successful renovation of Albert Street and Hilltown, the distinctive architectural character will be retained and will assist in addressing two themes of Dundee 21. Places, spaces and objects combine meaning and beauty with utility. "Diversity and local distinctiveness are valued and protected".

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Albert Street and Hilltown properties will provide for disabled access.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 <u>124-126 Albert Street</u>. This property, at the moment trades as a sales room. A more in keeping shopfront is proposed to replace the current inappropriate façade. A grant of 75% of approved costs is recommended.
- 6.2 <u>140-152 Hilltown</u> Committee will recall that at their meeting of 26 February 2001, they agreed to offer grants to refurbish five shop units at 140-152 Hilltown. Works not identified in the original Bill of Quantities occurred during the Contract. The Council's Quantity Surveyor has examined the revised tender documents and is prepared to

accept these works as fair and reasonable. Committee is advised that the additional works have been completed. Therefore, the additional payments will be retrospective.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Scottish Enterprise Tayside have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Minutes of Planning Committee June 1994 – Item 3 refers.
Minutes of Planning & Transportation Committee – 26 February 2001 – Item 9 refers.

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