

## **SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION “INVESTING IN WATER SERVICES 2006-2014 (QUALITY AND STANDARDS III)”**

### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 To update Members on progress that has been made on the subject of Scottish Water development constraints and to facilitate further discussion on this matter as requested by the Area Committee on 22 June 2004.

### **2. Background**

2.1 On the 22 June 2004 the Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee considered a report on the above. In doing so Members agreed that a meeting with Scottish Water would be sought to discuss the issues concerning the above Scottish Executive Consultation and that the Scottish Executive, Community Councils, business initiatives and any other interested parties would be invited to join the discussion.

2.2 Appendix 1 which was considered by the Area Committee on 22 June sets out a summary of the sewage capacity and network constraints concerning settlements in Annandale and Eskdale.

### **3 Key Points**

3.1 The Minutes of the Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee were reported to Planning and Environment along with those of other Area Committees on 14 September 2004. The report also contained the Councils response to the detailed consultation points asked in the consultation. The main recommendations that Planning and Environment agreed were to :-

- urge the Scottish Executive to ensure that there is a dedicated high priority budget to address the serious issues of development constraints in rural areas like Dumfries and Galloway;
- provide a copy of the approved response to the Consultations to the Regions MPs and MSPs with a request that they support the Councils approach;
- maintain the established programme of advocating and lobbying Dumfries and Galloway's response through
  - The Regions MPs and MSPs
  - South of Scotland Alliance
  - COSLA and others as appropriate

3.2 Meetings have also been set up with house builders and planning agents to raise awareness of the issues and encourage wider participation in the Executive consultation. This will take place in the Council's Dryfe Road offices in Lockerbie on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm.

3.3 All of the above forms part of a co-coordinated effort by the Council to lobby the Scottish Executive for additional and specific funding to deal with development constraints in rural areas. It is important therefore that whilst recognizing problems in individual settlements, that the Area Committee support this coordinated approach. This can only be achieved if a wide spread and consistent message is made to the Executive. These in turn needs to come not just from the Council but from local builders, communities, businesses and other interested parties. Thereafter and once budgets have been agreed it will be possible to begin to identify and hopefully address problems in particular locations.

**4 Recommendation****Members are asked to:****Note the key points of the report. Encourage Community Councils, businesses, builders and any other interested parties to respond individually to the Scottish Executive Consultation "Investing in Water Services 2006 – 2014 Quality and Standards III".**

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## APPENDIX 1

Settlements with no spare capacity in their treatment works	Settlements with limited spare capacity in their treatment works	Settlements with spare capacity in their treatment works
Beattock	Lockerbie*	Moffat*
Canonbie	Langholm**	Annan *
Kirkpatrick Fleming	Eaglesfield *	Gretna *
Dalton	Carrutherstown	Lochmaben*
Chapelknowe	Kirtlebridge	Cummertrees
Waterbeck	Eskdalemuir	Newbie
Johnstonebridge	Rowanburn	Brydekirk
Powfoot	Everton	
Hightae	Ecclefechan	
Middlebie	Eastriggs/Dornock *	
Boreland		
Templand		

\* settlements with known network problems

\*\* Langholm – Trade effluent at the works affects the amount of capacity available for development

## Network Problems

<b>Eaglesfield</b> – Further investigation required to establish the extent of the problems.
<b>Annan</b> – Network problem at Rose Street/Butt Street. Some of the development sites in the north of Annan will require to be modelled to assess their impact on the network.
<b>Gretna</b> – cso's at Dominion Road, Sarkfoot Road, South of the caravan Park and Victory Avenue are causing problems. Development sites may require to be modelled to assess their impact on the network.
<b>Eastriggs/Dornock</b> - Dornock pumping station cso which only affects sites in Dornock.
<b>Lockerbie</b> – Unsatisfactory combined sewer overflow (cso) on the inlet to the treatment works.
<b>Moffat</b> – Woollen Mill cso causing problems which means that development can only take place on the eastern side of the town.
<b>Lochmaben</b> – Network problem due to flooding at Bruce Street. Some sites may require to be modelled.