Scrutiny Recommends ...

The special meeting of the **Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel**, held on **29th October 2025**, made the following comments and resolutions.

To: Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport

BACKGROUND

The panel received a report on the process taken to procure a contractor to continue with the refurbishment works for Corporation Bridge and setting out the options for completion.

SPTISH.35 CORPORATION BRIDGE REFURBISHMENT

The panel received a presentation providing an overview of the project from initial surveys, procurement of the original contract, the discovery of wider issues through to the termination of the original contract and procurement of a new contractor. Two options had been proposed by the new contractor for completion of the project and these were presented to the panel along with anticipated timelines.

The panel asked a number of detailed questions relating to:

- completion of traffic assessments to inform the options
- the risk to grant funding that had previously been obtained
- the impact of non-completion of the lifting element of the bridge
- consultation with local businesses on the options presented
- potential additional Department for Transport funding
- the final cost of the project
- the potential option of introducing one way traffic as an interim measure to allow the bridge to open sooner
- the level of repair work required
- assurances over timescales
- the impact of further exploratory work on options
- the difference in cost between the two options presented.

The panel moved into closed session to consider matters relating to the condition of the bridge post-termination of the original contract and financial matters.

The panel expressed disappointment at the information presented in advance of the meeting, although it was acknowledged that this had been a rapidly developing situation. It was noted that a communications plan had been developed and the panel requested sight of monthly updates on specific aspects of the project.

In terms of the options presented, the panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Cabinet that option 1 as set out in the report now submitted be the preferred option for completion of the project.

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Scrutiny Chair: Councillor Mill

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