

## **Muirhead Road bridge (Ward 20) deck replacement - Funding approved.**

4 Councillor Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction, presented a report regarding funding for the Muirhead Road bridge (Ward 20) deck replacement project, advising that

- (1) the Muirhead Road bridge which carried Muirhead Road over the overhead electrified Rutherglen to Coatbridge Railway Line immediately north of Baillieston Station was in extremely poor condition and required to be replaced if the route was to remain open for future use;
- (2) due to its condition and age, strengthening the bridge would be economically unviable and although it was owned by Network Rail, the 1968 Transport Act, limited Network Rail's load bearing obligation to 1968 bridge loading standards, resulting in the Council being liable to contribute towards Network Rail's costs for the strengthening or replacing a bridge to meet current standards; and
- (3) using nationally agreed guidelines, the Council's contribution to the construction costs, which had been priced by Network Rail's framework contractor at £3,999,991 would be 9.5% of the total costs and it was proposed that this would be funded by virement of £390,000 from an underspend in the Albert Bridge refurbishment project and virement of £161,000 from an underspend in the Polmadie Bridge contract.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved a combined virement of £480,000 from the Albert Bridge refurbishment and the Polmadie Bridge re-decking contracts to the Muirhead Road bridge re-decking project; and
- (b) agreed to the Council entering into an agreement with Network Rail to contribute 9.5% towards the cost of the works.