

ANGUS COUNCIL

Meeting of Angus Council - 7 November 2002

IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DISABLED AND REPAIR OF THE TRAIL PAVILLION – MONTROSE SEAFRONT**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES****ABSTRACT**

Approval is sought for the development of a Disabled toilet facility, improved disabled access and repairs to the structure of the Trail Pavilion, Montrose Seafront.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council agree to:-

- a) approve the proposed works and associated funding package as set out in this report
- b) remit the Director of Property Services to procure the required improvement works and repairs to the Trail Pavilion as soon as practicable.

2. BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL

The Council will be aware of report 882/01 of the Recreation & Cultural Services Committee when approval was given to develop a new play area for children with disabilities at the Seafront Splash Montrose with funding from GlaxoWellcome as part of their 50th Anniversary.

During the consultation stage and design of the project it was clear that toilet facilities for the disabled would be required throughout the year. At present, limited facilities are available in the Trail Pavilion which is staffed for limited periods at weekends and during the summer holidays. It is therefore proposed that a RADAR disabled toilet facility, which is available 24 hours and 7 days a week be developed along with improved access. In addition the car parking is to be improved, it currently consists of a loose aggregate finish. This development will be important in any future application for Beach Awards for Montrose Seafront.

In the course of the investigation work the Director of Property Services highlighted that additional remedial repairs are required to the Pavilion, particularly in relation to the concrete structure of the building.

The estimate for the total works is £101,500. It is proposed that this work will commence over the winter months and ideally be complete for the start of the season in April 2003.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An analysis of the estimated costs and proposed funding package is attached as Appendix A.

The Trail Pavilion is a Montrose Common Good Fund asset and accordingly it is necessary that this Fund be used to meet the cost of the essential repairs to the building infrastructure. Members may recall report 727/97 submitted to the meeting of Angus Council on 26 June 1997 which approved the sale of the former Lifeboat Station at South Links, Montrose and the earmarking of the resultant capital receipt for a new project at the beach at Montrose. It is proposed that this capital receipt (£47,500) be used to fund the essential infrastructure repairs at the Trail Pavilion. Although the upgrading of the Trail Pavilion is not a strictly new project, when taken together with the other proposed improvement works, it will provide a significantly enhanced facility for the beachfront area.

The proposed provision of the disabled access improvements and other improvement works are requirements of the Council and accordingly should be funded by the Council rather than the Common Good Fund. These costs are to be met partly from the Property Renewal & Repair Fund - Disabled Access Improvements (£42,000 – report 762/02 refers) and the Leisure Services 2002/03 revenue budget (£12,000).

Apart from a marginal increase in cleaning costs which will be contained within existing Leisure Services resources there are no other revenue implications associated with this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications association with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Director of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

The local members of Angus Council have been consulted on the proposals in the report as regards use of the Montrose Common Good Fund.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NOTE: The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to a material extent in preparing this report.