

## ANGUS COUNCIL

**CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 20 AUGUST 2002**  
**RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2002**

**LEISURE FACILITIES' USER FIGURES APRIL-JUNE 2002**

**JOINT REPORT BY CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER AND  
DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the current usage levels within the various leisure facilities operated by Angus Council.

**1. BACKGROUND**

The respective Committees have requested that usage figures be reported on a regular basis. The period covered by this report is for the first quarter of the financial year, April to June 2002.

**2. USER DETAILS**

The numbers using the facilities are detailed below along with comparative figures for the previous year. These figures have been supplied by Leisure Services from the Leisure Management Information System.

<b>Facility</b>	<b>April-June 2001</b>	<b>April-June 2002</b>	<b>Variance %</b>
Lochside Leisure Centre, Forfar	26,378	30,942	17.3
Carnoustie Leisure Centre	35,705	40,504	13.4
Brechin Leisure Centre	13,992	10,434	-25.4
Saltire Leisure Centre, Arbroath	22,370	23,981	7.2
Forfar Swimming Pool	19,588	18,730	-4.4
Montrose Swimming Pool	28,141	26,092	-7.3
Brechin High School Pool	3,137	2,665	-15.0
Carnoustie High School Pool	1,134	1,132	-0.2
Monifieth High School Pool	566	1,022	80.6
Montrose Sports Centre	27,180	30,824	13.4
Arbroath Sports Centre	64,498	63,063	-2.2
Webster's Sports Centre, Kirriemuir	45,426	38,479	-15.3
Outdoor Recreations	22,269	21,835	-1.9
Football Pitches	8,189	5,335	-34.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>318,573</b>	<b>315,038</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

The Audit Scotland Performance Indicators show that the leisure facilities in Angus continue to be well used by the local populace e.g. the Scottish combined average usage per 1,000 population in 1999/2000 was 6,321 compared with the Angus figure for 2000/2001 of 11,016.

There are a number of significant variations between last year's figures, these being:-

- A reported reduction of approximately 6,000 school uses at Webster's Sports Centre, which is being further investigated.
- Refurbishment of some of the Fitness Suites has resulted in an increased usage of some 1,200 at Carnoustie and 2,000 over all the Suites, including a drop of almost 400 at Brechin.
- The general increase in usage at Leisure Centres is the residual effect of the Hot Card promotion.
- The reduction in football pitch bookings is due to the increase in leagues arranging the use of pitches themselves without making an official booking. This is being addressed by Leisure Services.

<b>Caravans Parks</b>	<b>April-June 2001 (Pitch Nights)</b>	<b>April-June 2002 (Pitch Nights)</b>
Lochside, Forfar	3,452	3,545
Woodlands, Carnoustie	853	1,737
South Links, Montrose	1,261	1,595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,566</b>	<b>6,877</b>

The marked increase in use at Woodlands is mainly due to the newly appointed Wardens who are very active caravanners and have succeeded in attracting their colleagues to Carnoustie. Similarly, the increase at South Links reflects the good relationship the Wardens have developed whilst attracting return visitors. Lochside continues to be the busiest Park reflecting its increasing popularity year upon year.

### 3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### 4. **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

### 5. **CONSULTATION**

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

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Note: No 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 any material extent in preparing this report.