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JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES
AND THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

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PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CULTURAL SERVICES – SAFETY REPAIRS TO COMPUTER INSTALLATIONS

Abstract

This report seeks approval to the provision of supplementary funding from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund to undertake a programme of urgent safety repairs to the computer installations in various properties at an estimated cost of £21,000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to:-

1. note the requirement for urgent safety repairs to the computer installations in various properties;
2. approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £21,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund;
3. instruct the Director of Property Services to undertake these urgent safety repairs immediately.

1 BACKGROUND

Following the introduction of the Portable Appliance Testing in 1999/2000, portable electrical appliances within all non-housing council properties are checked on a cyclical basis to ensure that they are electrically safe.

During the course of the PAT testing safety problems were identified with the electrical supply and cabling arrangements for computer installations, used by the then Cultural Services department within their various properties, which presented a health and safety risk to council employees and members of the public.

The installations have been surveyed by the Cultural Services and Property Services departments, assisted where appropriate by the Information Technology department, and it is proposed to carry out a programme of necessary urgent safety repairs which will address these issues.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost of repairs has been estimated at £21,000 as detailed in Appendix 1.

The cost of carrying out these repairs cannot be contained within Property Maintenance Revenue budget for Leisure Services for 2002/03 and it is necessary for supplementary funding to be made available from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

The repairs detailed in this report can be contained within the provisions of the Property Renewal and Repair fund for 2002/03.

3 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Act implications specific to this report.

Any implications, as a consequence of discharging recommendations detailed in this report, will be managed in accordance with the standing procedures and processes established by the Property Services department.

4 CONSULTATION

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

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Programme of safety repairs

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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 the above report.

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Appendix 1 Programme of safety repairs

| Name | Town | Cost |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| Library | Montrose | £690 |
| Local Studies | Montrose | £3,100 |
| Museum | Montrose | £80 |
| Library | Brechin | £1,000 |
| Library/Office | Brechin | £500 |
| Library | Kirriemuir | £260 |
| Gateway Centre | Kirriemuir | £610 |
| Library | Forfar | £1,160 |
| Central Services Unit | Forfar | £1,650 |
| Meffan | Forfar | £1,200 |
| Headquarters | Forfar | £4,400 |
| Library | Monifieth | £1,100 |
| Library | Carnoustie | £1,100 |
| Library | Arbroath | £3,300 |
| Bruce House | Arbroath | £850 |
| | | £21,000 |