

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2002
PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES – 18 JUNE 2002

HEADSTONE STABILISATION

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

ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to the provision of supplementary funding for the Property Renewal and Repair Fund to undertake Phase II of safety repairs to headstones in various burial grounds throughout Angus at an estimated cost of £15,000.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:-

- a) approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £15,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.
- b) instruct the Director of Leisure Services to undertake Phase II of these repairs.

2. BACKGROUND

As the department responsible for the day to day management of Burial Grounds in Angus Leisure Services have identified an increasing deterioration in the fabric and stability of headstones in Cemeteries and Churchyards.

Report 95/01 addressed only the Western Cemetery, Arbroath and proposed a three year phased programme for this location only, it is proposed to continue with Phase II of these works.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost of repairs at the Western Cemetery, Arbroath has been estimated at £40,000.

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 2002/03.

Recognising that the Property Renewal and Repair Fund cannot accommodate the full scope of these repairs in one financial year the works have been are phased as detailed below:

Phase 1	£11,000	2001/02	Complete
Phase 2	£15,000	2002/03	
Phase 3	£14,000	2003/04	
TOTAL	£40,000		

The cost of repairs in 2002/03 of £15,000 can be contained within the provisions of the Property Renewal and Repair Fund for 2002/2003.

Progression of Phase 3 will be subject to budget provisions being available.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

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

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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.

Report No 958/01 – Recreation and Cultural Services Committee – 4 October 2001