

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

17 OCTOBER 2002

SUBJECT: LUNAN BAY AND EAST HAVEN CAR PARKS - UPGRADING

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

<p>Abstract: This report advises the Committee of proposals to upgrade the public car parks at Lunan Bay and East Haven.</p>

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

1. agrees to the upgrading of the public car parks at Lunan Bay and East Haven as outlined in this report; and
2. agrees to contribute up to £18,000 towards the cost of these works, this expenditure to be met from the Planning & Transport Capital Plan for 2002/03, subject to Scottish Enterprise Tayside meeting the balance.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members will recall that the access road to the public car park at Lunan Bay was upgraded to a dense bitumen macadam surface last financial year. The car park is constructed in a whinstone base and blinded surface as this was seen as the most appropriate material for the very natural setting of the area. This is still felt to be valid but the area generally and the car park surface in particular are in need of upgrading.
- 2.2 East Haven has long been a popular attraction for both locals and visitors to the area. Vehicles used to park on the foreshore, overlooking the beach but this was causing serious damage to the fragile area. In the early 1980's, Angus District Council provided a car park adjacent to the railway line and reinstated the foreshore as a picnic area. The car park and an access road which traverses the site were constructed in a whinstone base and blinded surface but these have not been able to cope with the high levels of usage over the years, resulting in a severe deterioration of the quality of the surface.

3 PROPOSED WORKS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the surface of the car park at Lunan Bay be regraded and redressed. Some base material will have to be imported to make up low lying areas which are prone to ponding. The signage and other fittings would be refurbished as necessary.
- 3.2 In view of the levels of usage, it is recommended that the car park and access road at East Haven be upgraded to a dense bitumen macadam surface. Filter drains and gullies would be installed where necessary. The proposed works include additional

fencing/trip railing to help regulate fishing boat storage on the foreshore and landscaping around the car park.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated cost of the upgrading works outlined above including fees are:-

Lunan Bay Car Park	£13,000
East Haven Car Park	<u>£33,000</u>
Total	<u>£46,000</u>

The relative high cost of the works at East Haven reflect the increase in the quality of the car park surface and access road to dense bitumen macadam.

4.2 Scottish Enterprise Tayside has confirmed that it is willing to contribute £28,000 towards this cost, leaving a balance of £18,000 to be met by the Council. This expenditure can be met from the Planning & Transport Capital Plan, Rural Initiatives Budget for 2002/03.

4.3 Both car parks will continue to be maintained by Leisure Services.

5 CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Roads and Director of Leisure Services have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

6 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 Both Lunan Bay and East Haven are valuable natural assets and public access to the beaches are important elements in the Council's provision of countryside recreational facilities. The investment in upgrading both areas will greatly enhance their appearance and result in reduced maintenance costs longer term.

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 the above Report.

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