

ANGUS COUNCIL

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT POLICY COMMITTEE

7 MARCH 2002

SUBJECT: UPGRADING OF CAR PARK, LINKS PARADE, CARNOUSTIE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

<p>Abstract: This report recommends that further upgrading works be undertaken at the car park at Links Parade, Carnoustie.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to undertake the upgrading works at the car park at Links Parade, Carnoustie as outlined in this report, these works to be funded from the Local Capital Fund, Carnoustie Environmental Improvements.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Prior to Carnoustie hosting the Open Championship in 1999, a range of environmental improvements were undertaken throughout the town. These were aimed at presenting the best possible image of the town during the event.

2.2 One of the improvement projects was the upgrading of an informal car park at Links Parade. This involved the construction of a surfaced access road, the provision of surfaced parking bays, a footpath link with the seafront and landscaping. As part of a wider project, four banner columns were erected on the site.

3 PROPOSED UPGRADING LINKS

3.1 The new access road into the car park was surfaced in bitmac but, in order to contain the works within the available budget, the parking bays were constructed in hardcore. This surface is not standing up well to the level of usage and is an ongoing maintenance problem. It is therefore suggested that the parking bays be resurfaced in bitmac.

3.2 Although banner columns were erected at various locations along Links Parade, the four columns erected at the car park seem to be particularly exposed. As a result, several of the banners have been damaged on a number of occasions, some beyond repair. The banners were erected at this location as it was on one of the main approaches to the golf course. It is therefore felt that the banners have served their purpose and that the columns could now be removed.

3.3 The estimated cost of the above works inclusive of contingencies and fees is £16,250.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council's contribution to the various environmental improvement works was met from the Local Capital Fund (£154,000). Contributions were also made by SET and the Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee, with grant assistance through the European Regional Development Fund.
- 4.2 The contributions from the other parties will be fully taken up in the near future and will result in an unspent balance on the Carnoustie Environmental project of £29,000 being available within the Local Capital Fund. These funds were intended for the upgrading of the footpath along the seafront once the infrastructure works associated with Tay Wastewater Project were completed. However, the gabion revetment protection along the central seafront area has deteriorated and is now in need of replacement. In view of this, it would be ill-advisable to proceed with the upgrading of the footpath at this time.
- 4.3 It is therefore recommended that the resurfacing of the car park at Links Parade and the removal of the banner columns at an estimated cost of £16,250 be funded through the Local Capital Fund. The estimated balance of funds available in the Local Capital Fund after completion of these works of £12,750 will be retained within the Local Capital Fund for possible future projects.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Leisure Services and Acting Director of Roads have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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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