

**ANGUS COUNCIL****RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 18 APRIL 1996****PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 25 APRIL 1996****ROADS - 25 APRIL 1996****THE ANGUS COASTAL EXPERIENCE****REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF CULTURAL SERVICES, PLANNING,  
TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ROADS****ABSTRACT**

The Angus Coastal Experience project has been developed by four Council Departments and a submission has been made for funding to the Scottish Tourist Board as part of its "Scotland's Coast and the Millennium" bid to the Millennium Commission.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

Approval is sought to consult the public and seek their views on the project and to then take the project to the detailed planning stage.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

The Angus Coastal Experience project has been prepared by four Angus Council departments in accordance with the Tayside Tourism Strategy which identified the Angus coastline as one of the area's strengths. The Council Departments involved, namely Cultural Services, Planning, Transport and Economic Development, Recreation Services and Roads form the Project Management Team.

The Scottish Tourist Board has submitted a bid to the Millennium Commission for "Scotland's Coast and the Millennium" a project intended to revitalise and improve access to Scotland's coastline. The Angus application is part of that submission. This is part of a U. K. wide proposal for coastal development which has been co-ordinated by the Scottish, English and Welsh Tourist Boards. The total estimated cost for the projects submitted is in excess of £50 million. The Angus project is one of 37 coastal projects throughout Scotland.

**3. PROPOSALS**

The Angus Coastal Experience has four major components :-

a] The main concept is to provide a footpath and cycleway which will link the whole Angus coast from Monifieth in the south to just north of Montrose in the north. Significantly, our neighbours in Fife and Aberdeenshire both have similar proposals in their areas and it may be that they will ultimately link with ours thus giving the visitors access by foot or bicycle from the Forth to the Moray coast.

b] It is also intended to interpret the coast by building upon existing facilities with the development of outdoor interpretation at the Signal Tower Museum at Arbroath Harbour, and by the construction of a Museum on the Angus Coast possibly utilising the Traill Pavilion, Montrose.

c] In addition, there will be further interpretation at suitable locations along the coast where parking and visitor facilities already exist. A limited number of outdoor works of art, inspired by the coast, will be provided at some of these spots.

d] At Montrose and Monifieth, significant seafront developments will be designed which will act as gateways and information features for the Coastal experience.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is estimated that the project would take 4 years to complete with planning beginning in the 1996/97 financial year but the exact phasing of the work has still to be decided. The estimated cost of the scheme is some £1,850,000 50% of which has been requested from the Millennium Commission. It is calculated that funding can be identified in the Council's budget to meet the contribution required. In addition it is anticipated that contributions may be available from other organisations, such as Scottish Enterprise Tayside, towards the Council costs.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

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

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

The submission for financial assistance is in principle only, at present. Once the results of the grant application are known a further report will be brought to the appropriate Committees outlining the cost implications for Angus Council.

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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.