

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 27 February 1997
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ENVITOUR PROJECT

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT &
DIRECTOR OF ROADS**

ABSTRACT

To advise Committee of the progress of the ENVITOUR Project.

1 RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the content of the Report.

2 INTRODUCTION

Members are advised that the third stage of the ENVITOUR Project involving Angus Council, Municipalities of Corfu, Rethymno, Crete and Siena was held in Siena on 3 and 4 February 1997. The technical papers presented by Angus Council are available in the Members Lounge and covered the following subjects:-

- Montrose Inner Relief Road
- Montrose High Street - (Street Scape Concept Design)
- Montrose Mid Links - (Restoration Project)
- Montrose Seafront - (Proposed Development)
- Heritage of Angus
- Protecting Pictish Stones

Reports were also provided by our European partners and included:-

- Tourism in Siena
- Planning of Territory and Urbanistic Studies
- The Rules of Approach to the City
- Interventions for Tourist Development of the City
- Recovery of Historical Centres

Copies of these reports are available for members if they wish.

The Angus delegation also met with the Social Affairs Committee of Siena on Sunday 2 February to exchange information and knowledge with regard to the Social Policies of their Authorities. The Angus delegation gave details of the Social Work aspects relative to Angus and were able to hand over a report prepared by the Director of Social Work for Siena's consideration and the offer was made, if any further information is required by them that this will be supplied.

At the close of the 2 day Seminar all Delegates were satisfied that it had been a productive exchange of information and agreed to meet for the fourth session in Rethymno, Crete on 18 and 19 April 1997, when the papers for discussion shall be based on:-

- Development of an Environmental Consciousness
- Upgrading of the Quality of Tourism - (alternative types of tourism such as Congress Tourism, etc.)
- Visitor Management

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The ENVITOUR Project can be contained within the money available from the European Union and the various department budgets.

4 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted.

5 CONCLUSION

It was felt that the latest ENVITOUR Seminar has reinforced the contacts and exchange of knowledge and experience with our European Partners. There was a strong commitment given from our European Partners to find a way to drive forward future partnership projects and these will be discussed in further detail in Rethymno, Crete.

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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.