

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

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MONTROSE BEACH - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report advises the Committee on the press advertisement to be placed to allow a select list of suitable firms to be drawn up for tendering purposes to facilitate an environmental impact study to be undertaken for the Montrose Beach area.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree that a tender be let for appropriate consultants to undertake an environmental impact study for the Montrose Beach area.

2 INTRODUCTION

Further to the Roads Committee of 28 November 1996 when an update of the erosion problem at Montrose was given to the Committee it was agreed that an environmental impact study should be carried out to allow the advancement of a coast protection scheme if finance could be secured.

3 DETAILS

An advert to allow suitable qualified and experienced firms to request inclusion on the select list for the project will be placed in appropriate publications and a copy of an extract from the advertisement is enclosed as Appendix 'A'.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications in connection with this stage of the project up to a maximum of £50,000 can be met from the Montrose Common Good Fund. At the Finance and Information Technology Committee of 3 December 1996 the Director of Finance was remitted to enquire of the Montrose Links Committee if they would be prepared to make a contribution to the cost of the study. Montrose Links Trust have indicated that they are not in a position to make a contribution to the cost of the study.

5 CONSULTATION

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

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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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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**MONTROSE BEACH**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced consultants wishing to be considered for inclusion on a select list of firms to tender for the above environmental assessment study.

The work will consist of a full environment assessment and cost benefit analysis of an outline design for a rock armour revetment coast protection scheme from the north end of the Montrose Seawall to a point approximately opposite Charleton Boat Bothy a distance of 1500 metres to the north. The overall study area will take in the area between the rivers North and South Esk.

In addition to the conforming design firms will be required to bring forward and develop to an outline design stage alternative coastal protection schemes with corresponding environmental assessments and cost benefit analyses. This study will also include a comparison of the economic and environmental impact of the "do minimum" scenario to allow a full comparison of all options to be considered.

