

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 JUNE 1998

BRECHIN PADDLING POOL

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

This report is to advise the Committee on the response from the Brechin Area Forum regarding the operation of the paddling pool and the suggested way forward.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- note the content of the report
- homologate the decision taken by the Convener of Recreation and Cultural Services and the Brechin Councillors to use the Brechin Common Good Fund as guarantor to the local community group for the funds required to operate the pool for 1998.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Brechin Paddling Pool was closed along with some other pools in Angus during the budget process for the 1997-1998 financial year. This decision was endorsed by the Council when the budget was agreed for that year.

None of the pools identified for closure operated during 1997 although some of the communities have tried to identify ways of operating them under a partnership agreement with the Council.

The Brechin Area Forum meeting of 2 June 1998 raised the issue of the Brechin Paddling Pool and it was agreed to meet and identify a way forward to allow the pool to operate during this coming summer season.

A follow up meeting was subsequently convened, resulting in a local community fund raising group being formed in order that the pool can operate during 1998 summer season and hopefully thereafter in future years.

It was accepted that the funds for this year could not be raised in sufficient time to allow the necessary works to be carried out to make the pool operational and that the Brechin Common Good Fund could act as guarantor against the fund raising efforts by the community.

A great deal of commitment has been given by the fund raising group and it is envisaged that the Brechin Common Good can be reimbursed at least in part by the end of the year.

The group are also aware of the on-going efforts required to keep the pool operational for future years.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Brechin Common Good Fund will require to fund works to the value of £2,640 during 1998 only. It is envisaged that fund raising will replenish this spend and in any event will not require any additional funds in future years for normal operating costs.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

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

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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.