

## ANGUS COUNCIL

**ITEM No. 5 (b)**

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 19 November 1998  
 CONTRACT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 17 November 1998

**LEISURE FACILITIES' USER FIGURES APRIL 1998 - SEPTEMBER 1998****JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES AND  
 CONTRACT SERVICES MANAGER****ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the current usage levels within the various leisure facilities operated by Contract Services.

**1. BACKGROUND**

The respective Committees have requested that usage figures be reported on a regular basis. The period covered by this report is for the first six months period, April 1998 to September 1998.

**2. USER DETAILS**

The numbers using the facilities are detailed below along with comparative figures for the previous year.

	1997/98 (Period 1-6)	1998/99 (Period 1-6)
Lochside Leisure Centre	45238	46045
Carnoustie Leisure Centre	57617	53610
Brechin Leisure Centre	16361	15139
Saltire Leisure Centre	41696	35369
Forfar Swimming Pool	31390	33512
Montrose Swimming Pool	48681	51035
Arbroath Sports Centre	75355	127091
Montrose Sports Centre	34222	39817
Websters Sports Centre	66496	67725
Brechin High School Pool	6124	7037
Carnoustie High School Pool	4568	5640
Outdoor Recreations	<u>83869</u>	<u>67989</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>511617</b>	<b>550009</b>

The variations in use show the different trends of use for the different leisure facilities. In overall terms there is no substantial difference between last year and this year, for the same period.

The individual differences can be attributed to:-

- Carnoustie Leisure Centre skater hockey - some use to improved area within Arbroath.
- Variation at the Saltire Leisure Centre due to closures for improvements and partly with the drift of some customers to the new fitness suite at Arbroath Sports Centre.
- Montrose Sports Centre's increase is due to the opening of new fitness suite.
- The substantial increase at Arbroath Sports Centre is due to harmonisation of recording base for recreation school use.
- Outdoor recreation areas across Angus dramatically affected by poor weather during peak months.

### 3. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration 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.