

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 1 June 2000
PERSONNEL & PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 13 June 2000
FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - 13 June 2000

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING PROGRAMME

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES & DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

To seek Committee approval to develop proposals for the expenditure of 2000/2001 finance allocated to provision of play equipment and impact absorbing surfaces.

1 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- I. It is recommended that the Committees agree to remit the Director of Recreation to bring back a phased programme of replacement and refurbishment of existing play areas.
- II. Approve the bid for £97,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

2 BACKGROUND & PROPOSALS

Since 1996, the Council has carried out an ongoing programme of improvements to play equipment, and provision of safety surfacing. There is now a requirement to carry out a risk assessment of all play areas. As a result of the risk assessment there will be a requirement on the Council to prepare a detailed action plan. Funding of the action plan will be in excess of the current finances available within the Department of £10,000 per annum following virement proposals per report 592/00. To maintain the previous level of spending a bid to the Property Renewals and Repair Fund for £97,000 will be required.

This programme of works will satisfy the criteria to allow access to the Property Renewal and Repairs Fund. It is the Director's intention to discuss the final programme with local members as matters arise from the risk assessments and also prior to the submission of the final report to Committee.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project programme will be developed within the available uncommitted 2000/01 Revenue Budget allocation of £10,000 and £97,000 balance from a bid to the Property Renewal and Repairs Fund which is in line with overall funding arrangements applied in previous years. The funding arrangements detailed in the report can be contained within the provisions of the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

4 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Law & Administration 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.