

ANGUS COUNCIL**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 2001

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FORFAR COMMON GOOD
FUND – FORFAR BOYS CLUB**

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report advises the Policy & Resources Committee of an approach made by Forfar Boys Club for financial assistance to undertake work on a building occupied by them, which is held on Forfar Common Good. The report recommends that this be made available from Forfar Common Good Fund.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to meet upgrade costs to the building occupied by Forfar Boys Club to a value of £2,898 from the Forfar Common Good Fund.

2. APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Forfar Boys Club currently occupies a hut which is held in the ownership of Forfar Common Good. The Club approached Angus Council earlier this year with regard to seeking Grant Aid to renovate the premises.

Considerable discussions have taken place between Officers of the Council (particularly those from Recreation Services) and Forfar Boys Club with regard to this matter.

During these discussions, it was agreed that it was essential to get the hut into a state of repair which would allow Forfar Boys Club to continue to make use of it. It was also agreed that some of the works constituted "repairs and maintenance" while some were described as "upgrade". As per the minute of agreement between Angus Council and Forfar Boys Club, it was the responsibility for the Club to deal with any "repairs and maintenance" work and the Council to deal with "upgrade".

Members are asked to be aware that the Director of Recreation Services has been asked to investigate the costs involved in replacing the hut with a purpose built prefabricated changing unit. The investigations will include seeking out the availability of significant external funding for such a development.

3. THE WAY FORWARD

It is suggested that the Forfar Common Good Fund should meet the cost of the plumbing and electrical work which are considered to constitute "upgrades". The cost of this work is approximately £2,898. It is suggested that the Director of Recreation Services, the Director of Property Services and Forfar Boys Club agree the detailed mechanism for undertaking this element of the work. The remainder of the costs relate to "repairs and maintenance" and it is suggested that the Council advise Forfar Boys Club that this element cannot be met by Angus Council or the Common Good Fund and that the Club themselves will need to meet these costs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of £2,898 for undertaking the "upgrade" work can be met from with the Forfar Common Good Fund.

5. CONSULTATION

The Director of Finance, Director of Recreation Services, Director of Property Services and the Director of Law and Administration have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

**A B Watson
Chief Executive**

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.