

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2003

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**BURGH YARD, FORFAR
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

ABSTRACT

Leisure Services have undertaken to utilise an existing building within the Forfar area under their management portfolio to accommodate an ever-increasing demand for office accommodation required to meet the exigencies of the service provided to the residents of Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee are asked to homologate the decision made by the Convener/Director to utilise the existing building for office accommodation.

2. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

Angus Council were successful in obtaining financial support through the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) PE and Sport initiative (Report No.1197/02). Part of the funding is a revenue package to employ officers over a three year period to implement an Active Steps development programme as well as delivering physical activities to young people. Three Local Multi Agency Resource (LMART) Officers and a clerical assistant will be based within the Web Project in Forfar and the two others, a Club Development Officer and a Physical Activities Officer will become an integral part of the development team within Leisure Services.

Recognising that office accommodation was at a premium within County Buildings, Leisure Services have undertaken to make improvements to an existing building that is located in the Burgh Yard in Forfar to accommodate not only the two new members of staff, but also the existing development team that incorporates four development officers along with their Line Manager.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs associated with building improvements and alterations are estimated to be some £35,000 and will be met through a combination of increased income projected within the Leisure Services 2003/04 revenue budget and from the existing revenue maintenance budget 2003/04. Other costs associated with the purchase of office furniture and IT equipment are estimated at £10,000 will be met from existing budgets supplemented by funding made available through the NOF package for dedicated resources for the new NOF officers. There are no further financial implications associated with this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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.