

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2003-**

**ARBROATH LIBRARY – LIMITED CLOSURE**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks Committee approval to close Arbroath Library to allow essential work to be carried out to meet Council obligations to improve access to all customers under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to:-

The closure of Arbroath Library from Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August inclusive. This allows essential improvements to be made to the building which will contribute to Council obligations to improve access to Council buildings under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

Angus Council has an ongoing programme to improve access to Council Buildings to all customers and users under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the works requiring to be undertaken at Arbroath Library from August 18<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2003 constitute the first phase of upgrading at Arbroath Library to meet Council obligations to all customers under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Leisure Services recognise that the closure of Arbroath Library for two weeks will deprive customers in Arbroath of a library service and accordingly we will increase the amount of library items customers may borrow for this period to compensate for the library closure and we will ensure that no overdue charges accrue against any customer when the library is closed. Notices to this effect will be displayed in Arbroath Library.

In addition we will offer alternative dates to exhibitors and gallery users who have bookings for that period.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the access improvements has been allowed for within the Property Services Renewal and Repair 2003/4 programme of work.

A nominal loss of income relating to fees and charges will occur but this will be accommodated within the Leisure Services 2003/04 Revenue budget.

**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 and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**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 this report.