

## ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF  
PROPERTY SERVICES

## MINOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS 2004/2005

**ABSTRACT**

This report outlines proposals to carry out minor property improvements to education properties during the financial year 2004/2005.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended each Committee, for its respective interests, should note and approve the contents of this report.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Reference is made to report no 549/03 approved by the Education Committee at its meeting of 29 May 2003 which outlined how school fund resources were to be utilised in 2003/04 and in part 2004/05. At its meeting of 8 January 2004 the Education Committee approved the School Estate Strategy which also outlined a number of projects to be commenced in 2004/05. The Council is committed to improving school buildings and in addition to funding outlined above there is provision within the Education Capital and Revenue Budget for smaller property improvement projects.

**3 PROPOSALS**

In addition to projects already committed as part of the Education Capital Budget, School Fund and the Repair and Renewal Fund, it is proposed to undertake minor projects listed below to further improve teaching and learning opportunities in Angus schools and to provide essential office space to allow headquarters-based staff to support schools in various new and long established initiatives. The proposals are summarised as follows:

	<b>2004/05 Cost £</b>
<b>INSTALLATION OF WATER FOUNTAINS</b>	35,000
Report No 724/02 highlighted to the Education Committee the benefits of improving the provision of drinking water to school children. This final phase of water fountain installations completes this project.	
<b>NURSERY SCHOOL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS</b>	10,000
The Safety Section within the Chief Executive's Department has carried out safety audits in nursery classes. These audits have highlighted a number of minor property improvements which would improve safety.	

**PRIMARY SCHOOL – STAGE LIGHTING** 29,000

A number of primary schools have some form of stage lighting which is used during school performances etc. Legislation requires these items of equipment to be checked regularly. In some cases of the installations now require to be upgraded - which has detracted from the teaching and learning opportunities in some schools. This project will be phased to ensure that existing stage lighting will be tested and, where appropriate, upgraded.

**ROSEMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL – SOUND INSULATION** 10,000

The Head Teacher has reported difficulties of noise transfer between the nursery class and the rest of the school. Further investigation has revealed that the partition between the nursery class and the adjacent primary classroom could benefit from alteration and installation of sound insulation to minimise disruption for pupils and staff. This will ensure that there is no distraction for pupils who need a quiet environment to concentrate on classwork.

**UPGRADE SECONDARY SCHOOL TECHNICAL DEPARTMENTS** 60,000

Following gas safety inspections at secondary schools by a specialist contractor, it has been established that considerable work is required to bring the equipment in the hot metal areas of Technical Departments up to current Health & Safety standards, so that the curriculum in this area can continue to be delivered. Each of the hot metal areas has now been fully surveyed, which has resulted in a number of facilities being withdrawn and a number of areas where significant improvements are required. This project will bring all 8 secondary schools up to an acceptable standard.

**MURROES PRIMARY SCHOOL** 15,000

Improve pupil access arrangements and relocate school office to improve the operation of the school.

**WARDYKES PRIMARY SCHOOL** 35,000

Remove huttet accommodation and improve the layout and storage accommodation within the school.

**Total** **£194,000**

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of the above proposals totalling £194,000 will be met from the 2004/05 Education Department Revenue and Capital Budgets 2004 on the following basis:

Revenue	£120,000
Capital	<u>£74,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£194,000</u></b>

**4 HUMAN RIGHTS**

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from consideration of this report.

**5 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, The Director of Finance and The Director of Law & Administration 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 the above Report.