

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2004
RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2004

MONIFIETH HIGH SCHOOL – CHANGING ACCOMMODATION

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposals to extend changing room facilities at Monifieth High School.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committees approve this report for their respective interests.

2. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to Report 1197/02 which was approved by the Education Committee at its meeting on 26 November 2002. The report outlined a number of projects (including Monifieth High School changing facilities) for which grant support was being sought from the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) as part of the New Opportunities for PE and Sport Initiative.

Reference is also made to Report 558/03 approved by the Education Committee on 29 May 2003 which outlined the successful outcome of the application and in the case of facilities programme the requirement to submit a Stage 2 application to NOF.

Reference is also made to Final Revenue and Capital Budgets Volume 2004/05 (Appendix to report 600/04) wherein the 2004/05 Education Capital budget includes provision of £289,000 for this project.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

At the request of NOF, Stage 2 applications were to be phased and accordingly an application in respect of Monifieth High School was submitted on 24 March 2004.

Applications from Councils across Scotland have been considered by NOF and as has been the case with all applications a number of detailed questions were raised. Considerable effort was expended answering questions and slightly amending the plans and a revised submission was made in June 2004 with a view to this being considered by NOF Committee in July 2004. However due to NOF being inundated with applications for the July Committee this will now be considered by NOF on 29 September 2004.

In addition to the proposal to provide two additional changing rooms, there is an urgent requirement to improve facilities and access for pupils, staff and members of the community with disabilities. Accordingly it is proposed, utilising funding available for improving accessibility, to provide accessible changing accommodation adjacent to the swimming pool and provide ramped access to the PE facilities.

As a result of these additional features and to meet the requirements of NOF the cost of the project is estimated at £289,000, in line with the capital budget provision.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projected phasing of expenditure together with relevant funding sources are outlined as follows:

Year	Education Revenue Budget – General	Education Revenue Budget - Accessibility	Education Capital Budget - NOF	Total Cost
	£000	£000	£000	£000
2004/05	45	50		95
2005/06	44	-	135	179
2006/07	0	-	15	15
Total	<u>89</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>289</u>

5. PROCUREMENT AND TIMESCALE

While NOF will not consider the application until 29 September it is important plans are made to ensure the new facility is available as timeously as possible.

Property Services Department are currently proceeding with the production of tender documents. To allow contractors to write in to the Council stating their interest in tendering for this project an advert is being prepared for inclusion in the local press. From these returns a tender list will be compiled and it is proposed that this list be reported to the Resources and Central Services Committee on the 9th September 2004. Once approval has been received for the list of tenderers the tender documents can be completed and issued. It is proposed that the tender returns for this project are reported to the Resources and Central Services Committee on the 2nd December 2004. The current programme assumes a start on site in January 2005 with completion by July 2005, this programme is provisional and will require to be discussed in detail with school staff.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration, have been consulted on the content of this report.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from 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 the above report.