ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 3 FEBRUARY 2005

FUNDING OF REPAIRS FOR THE UNSTABLE HEADSTONES IN KINNETTLES CHURCHYARD

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

Approval is sought to untilise the capital receipt of ground at Kinnettles Churchyard for stabilisation of headstones in the Churchyard

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the capital receipt be used to fund the repair of unstable headstones in the Kinnettles Churchyard.

2. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

Reference is made to Article 34 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 December 2004 when approval was given to Report No. 1458/04 for the disposal of part of the ground at Kinnettles Church to enable the purchaser of the Church to develop this unused church as a dwelling. A copy of the relative plan is appended hereto. The church is surrounded by a churchyard with 90 free standing headstones and 20 headstones on a frame. With the advent of the churchyard being potentially next to the dwelling house the risk associated with potentially dangerous headstones is increased. Therefore we are requesting that the finance gained from the sale of the ground could be used to finance the repair programme for the Headstones required due to the increased risk, this is estimated to be £3,500.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the repair of unstable headstones at Kinnettles is £3,500, the capital receipt from the disposal will raise £3,250, any balance to complete the repairs will be met by the Headstone Stabilisation budget which is part of the 2005/06 Leisure Services Revenue Estimates.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Law & Administration and the Director of Property Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

JOHN R ZIMNY DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

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.