

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2005

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ARBROATH COMMON GOOD FUND –
CLIFFBURN ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report sets out details of an application from the Cliffburn Association of Residents for financial assistance from the Arbroath Common Good Fund.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Resources and Central Services Committee reject the request from Cliffburn Association of Residents for financial assistance from the Arbroath Common Good Fund to purchase a piece of play equipment for the proposed play park development at Abbotsford Road, Arbroath.

2. INTRODUCTION

Cliffburn Association of Residents wrote to Angus Council seeking financial assistance from the Arbroath Common Good Fund for a piece of play equipment.

Cliffburn Association of Residents have worked over a number of years to develop play park proposals for Abbotsford Road, and to arrange funding applications to fund the project.

The application to Angus Council was for a single piece of play equipment at a cost of £20,132.

The application for financial assistance from Arbroath Common Good was only one of a number of applications for financial assistance that the Cliffburn Association of Residents had made in pursuance of the funding of the redevelopment of the whole park area.

On receipt of the application, an assessment was undertaken by officers, which identified that there was broad support for the concept of the community leading on the development, and financing, of the play park facility. It was also clear, however, that there were a number of Common Good assets which were requiring attention, and that the current balance within the Arbroath Common Good Fund Revenue Account was coming very close to its de minimus level of £300,000.

In light of the above, it is therefore suggested that this request for financial assistance be recommended for refusal.

All Arbroath Elected Members have been consulted on this request for financial assistance, and the majority concur with the suggestion to recommend refusal.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

On the basis that the Resources and Central Services Committee agree with the recommendation as set out in this report, there are no financial implications.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights issues arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

Angus Council's Corporate Grant Aid Working Group, Directors of Law and Administration and Finance and all Arbroath Elected Members have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

David S Sawers

Chief Executive

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 paper.

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