

ANGUS COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2005
RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES –16 JUNE 2005**

**MONTROSE SKATEPARK – STAGE I APPLICATION TO SPORTSCOTLAND FOR
FUNDING**

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

Authority is sought to progress a bid for funding for the Montrose Skatepark with an application to the SportsScotland Sports Lottery fund and subject to approval of additional funding from the Montrose Common Good Fund

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Environmental and Leisure Services Committee:
- i. approve the overall design for the Montrose Skatepark;
 - ii. note that the Corporate Grant Aid Working Group have recommended approval of this project.
 - iii. remit the Director to submit a Stage 1 application to the SportsScotland Lotteryfund, subject to approval of the Resources & Central Services Committee to release up to £18,000 of funding from the Montrose Common Good Fund;
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Resources and Central Services Committee:
- i. note the views of the local Members and consider the contribution to the project of up to £18,000 from the uncommitted revenue balance of the Montrose Common Good Fund.
 - ii. note that the contribution from Montrose Common Good Fund is subject to the SportsScotland Sports Lottery Fund bid being successful

2. BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

Reference is made to report no. 670/02 of the Environmental & Leisure Services Committee when approval was given for the location of the proposed skate park in Montrose to be developed by the Montrose Skatepark Committee by the Ashy Car Park next to Montrose Seafront.

Since that time the Montrose Skatepark Committee have been raising funds and securing grants to put together an application for funding for the development of the skate park. Leisure Services department has provided the design as the Councils contribution, along with the site and the long-term maintenance responsibility. The Montrose Skatepark Committee made a stage I application to SportsScotland in January 2005 but this was unsuccessful. This was due to two main reasons, firstly that the applicant required more than the 50% maximum grant aid which was possibly available from SportsScotland and secondly the proposals did not conform to the recently published guidelines. As a result the Montrose Skatepark Committee have approached the Council for further support, from a financial perspective and in terms of revision of the design to allow them to conform to SportsScotland guidelines. As Angus Council could possibly be contributing over 25% of the funding to the project SportsScotland have advised that the bid should be submitted in the name of Angus Council.

The additional requirements to meet the guidelines include additional surfacing, street furniture, safety fencing and ducting for lighting. The total cost estimated for the proposal is £114k. This is detailed below: -

Outline Cost Proposals	£
Construction Costs	80,000
Contingencies & Inflation	17,000
Property Services Fees	3,000
Design Fees	14,000
Total Estimated Cost	114,000

It was initially proposed that this could be funded as outlined below with the expected shortfall possibly being met by the Montrose Common Good Fund

Initial Funding Proposal

	£
Montrose Skatepark Committee	21,000
Leisure Services Design Fees	14,000
Annual Maintenance & Inspection	4,000
Montrose Common Good Fund	18,000
Sportscotland	57,000
TOTAL	114,000

It should be noted that three of the local Montrose Members have indicated that they are only prepared to support the project to a level of £9,000 from the Montrose Common Good Fund, The remaining Member is prepared to release the requested amount of up to £18,000.

It should be further noted that stage I development of the grant application if successful, will require planning consent i.e. Notification of Intention to Develop (NID) if it is to proceed to stage II.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to a stage I bid. If the stage II bid is successful the project will require financial support of an estimated maximum of £18,000. This contribution is being sought from Montrose Common Good Fund. The Council have written confirmation from the Montrose Skatepark Committee that they are able to contribute £21,000 to the project.

If the bid and project are successful the Council will require to fund the maintenance and inspection of the facility at an estimated cost of £4,000 per annum, this will be accommodated within the Leisure Services revenue budget.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report

5. CONSULTATION

Angus Council's Corporate Grant Aid Working Group, the Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance and Law & Administration and as part of the procedures for access to Common Good Funding the Montrose Elected Members have been consulted in the preparation of this report. Three elected Montrose members have indicated that they are only prepared to support the release of up to £9,000 for this

project and one member is prepared to release the requested amount of up to £18,000.

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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 this report.