

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOURCES & CENTRAL SERVICES

9 JUNE 2005
16 JUNE 2005

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF SALMON BOTHY,
LINKS PARADE, CARNOUSTIE**

**JOINT REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORT AND DIRECTOR OF
PROPERTY SERVICES**

<p>Abstract: This report seeks Committee approval for the acquisition of the Salmon Bothy, Links Parade, Carnoustie, as part of a programme of image enhancement works in Carnoustie.</p>
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1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approves the acquisition of the Salmon Bothy, Links Parade, Carnoustie, on the provisional terms and conditions contained in this report.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 A programme of image enhancement works in Carnoustie is being prepared and approval in principle is being sought from the Infrastructure Services Committee on 9 June 2005 (report No. 697/05 refers). The works are aimed at enhancing the image and appearance of Carnoustie prior to the town hosting the Open Championship in 2007.
- 2.2 The programme of works includes selective environmental improvements particularly at locations on route to the Championship Golf Course. One such location is the former Salmon Bothy on the corner of Links Parade and Station Road, adjacent to the railway station and level crossing. The property is semi-derelict and an eyesore on what will be the main route to the golf course. The intention would be to acquire and demolish the property and landscape the cleared site.
- 2.3 The property owner has been approached and is willing to sell the property to the Council. Although the programme of enhancement works has still to be finalised, it is felt this is a good opportunity to move forward a small but important element of the programme.

3 PROVISIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Provisional agreement has now been reached to acquire the property at a price of £20,000 with Angus Council being responsible for meeting the seller's reasonable legal expenses.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of the acquisition of the property and the seller's reasonable legal expenses can be met from the capital receipt from the sale of the former Dalhousie site subject to the Resources & Central Services Committee agreeing to this capital receipt being ring-fenced for the programme of works in Carnoustie in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.4 (see report No. 697/05). Acquisition of the Salmon Bothy is therefore dependant upon the ring-fencing proposal being agreed.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law & Administration have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 This small semi-derelict property is in an extremely prominent location on the main route to the Championship Golf Course. Its early acquisition by the Council will ensure that it is available as part of the proposed programme of image enhancement works prior to the Open Championship in 2007.

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.

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