

ANGUS COUNCIL

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2009

SEAGULLS - SIGNAGE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT:

This report seeks approval on the siting of signs to discourage people from feeding gulls.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Approves the erection of signs stating "Please Do Not Feed the Gulls" at the 14 locations indicated at paragraph 3.3 of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 27 November 2007, the Committee instructed the Director of Infrastructure Services to produce a report on the issues related to seagull nuisance, setting out options for dealing with them, together with possible financial implications and funding options.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 At its meeting of 3 June 2008, the committee instructed the Director to bring back a report setting out proposals for the location and costing of signage on streets, open spaces, parks and other public areas after consultation with the Community Councils in Arbroath and Montrose, and appropriate council officers.

3.2 Meetings were indeed held with both Community Councils. Officers of the roads and traffic division of Infrastructure Services were also consulted, as were the parks and housing divisions of Neighbourhood Services, the physical resources division of the education department and the Head of Property Services.

3.3 It was agreed that wall-mounted signs should be recommended for the following locations:

Arbroath

- Victoria Park (3) at the promenade on the sea wall
- Queen's Drive (2) at the promenade on the sea wall adjacent to Pleasureland
- West Links (2) at the promenade in the vicinity of the recreation area
- Public Library (1)
- Access Office (1)
- Bruce House (1)
- Saltire Leisure Centre (1)

Montrose

- Town House (1)
- Town Hall (1)
- Leisure Centre (1)

Total – 14 signs

3.4 These signs will be designed by the traffic section of Infrastructure Services and state simply "PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GULLS – THEY MAY BECOME AGGRESSIVE".

- 3.5 In addition, similarly designed notices will be displayed on the notice boards at the Keptie Pond and West Links pavilion in Arbroath.
- 3.6 There are already three signs within the Arbroath harbour area advising people not to feed gulls.
- 3.7 The estimated cost of erecting all 14 signs is £1500.

4. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Head of Property Services recommended the locations for the 7 buildings referred to in 3.3 above.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs associated with erecting these signs (£1,500) can be met from the additional funding for seagull egg / nest removal within the Environmental and Consumer Protection 2009/10 revenue budget as approved by council at its meeting held on 19 February 2009.

6. EQUALITIES

- 6.1 The issue dealt with in this report has been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An [equalities impact assessment](#) is not required.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS

- 7.1 There are no human rights implications arising as a result of this report.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Head of Law and Administration, Head of Finance and the Head of Property have been consulted on the contents of this report.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The consultation process ordered by committee on 3 June 2008 has been carried out and 14 locations for signs all recommended for approval by committee at the costs indicated in 3.7 above.

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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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