AGENDA ITEM NO
REPORT NO 344/11

ANGUS COUNCIL

12 MAY 2011

WEST LINKS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - ARBROATH

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: This report seeks the Council's approval for a Draft Partnership Agreement for West Links, Arbroath. It also seeks approval for the Director to enter into that partnership agreement with the private sector facility providers on West Links.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council authorise the Director of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Head of Law & Administration to enter into, on behalf of the Council, a Partnership Agreement with the private sector facility providers who deliver services on West Links, Arbroath.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 27th May 2010, the Neighbourhood Services Committee considered and approved Report No. 383/10, which gave approval for Officers to investigate the development of West Links Partnership in Arbroath, all with a view to improving the recreational facilities for the local community to visitors and tourists to Angus.

2.2 The purposes of the partnership will be to improve services and the amenity of the area and to offer visitors and the local community a quality integrated leisure experience. To achieve this, the Council and the private sector operators/businesses will act together to develop the economic, social and environmental potential of West Links.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Discussions have continued with a number of the private sector businesses in the area and a number of further developments now require consideration by the Council. These discussions have included the subject of regeneration concepts for ideas for the West Links area. (These have been developed in collaboration with two of the private sector facility operators on the West Links itself). Discussions have also taken place with the same two businesses who have declared an interest in developing their businesses further at West Links. These businesses are the owners of the snack bar and the miniature railway for West Links. In order to facilitate further development of the West Links Partnership and the regeneration of the West Links area, it is suggested that the Council agree to enter into a formal partnership agreement with those businesses who operate business and leisure facilities on the West Links area. The West Links area for the purpose of the agreement is the area to the west of Dundee Road/Queens Drive.

3.2 The purpose of entering into such a partnership agreement is to improve services and the amenity of the area to offer visitors and the local community a quality integrated leisure experience. To achieve this, the Council and the private sector operators/businesses need to act together to develop the economic social and environmental potential of West Links.

3.3 The Council is asked to agree that the Director be authorised to enter into and sign on behalf of the Council the Partnership Agreement with these businesses.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report for the Council. Any costs which the Partnership may incur in the future will need to be met by resources indentified by the Partnership at that time.
5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

7.1 Approval of this report will contribute towards the following national local outcomes within the Single Outcome Agreement:

- We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe;
- Growth and tourism in Angus is achieved;
- Public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local needs;
- A good quality of life is enjoyed by all;
- People are satisfied with local services.

8. CONSULTATION

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

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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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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