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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

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PROVISION OF GAS SAFETY SYSTEMS

Abstract

This report seeks approval to the provision of supplementary funding from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund to cover the cost of the installation of gas safety systems in certain non-housing properties in conformance with legislation and best practice.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to:-

- 1. note the requirement for the installation of manual and automatic shutdown systems in boiler houses in certain non-housing council properties,
- 2. approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £19,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund for installation programme.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Property Services Department has identified a need for the installation of manual and automatic shutdown systems in boiler houses in certain non-housing council properties, to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice, which cannot be contained within the Property Maintenance elements of the respective departmental revenue budgets for 2000/01.

2 BACKGROUND

The Property Services Department is responsible for maintaining and developing the non-housing council properties in conformance with legislation and best practice.

Recent inspections have identified that a number of non-housing properties require the installation of manual and automatic shutdown systems in boiler houses, to ensure compliance with legislation and best practice, and a programme of new installations has been undertaken in the current financial year as detailed in Appendix 1.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost of the new shutdown systems in certain non-housing Council properties, as detailed in Appendix 1, has been estimated at £19,000.

| Recreation Services | £ 14,000 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Chief Executive | £ 2,000 |
| Finance | £ 3,000 |
| Total | £ 19,000 |

The cost of carrying out these installations cannot be fully contained within the Property Maintenance elements of the respective departmental revenue budgets for 2000/01 and it is therefore necessary for supplementary funding to be made available from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

The programmes of work detailed in this report for 2000/01 can be contained within the provisions of the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Act implications specific to this report.

Any implications, as a consequence of discharging recommendations detailed in this report, will be managed in accordance with the standing procedures and processes established by the Property Services department.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to note the requirement for the installation of manual and automatic shutdown systems in boiler houses in certain non-housing council properties and approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £19,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund for installation programme.

REFERENCES

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Article</u> | Subject |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Finance and Information Technology | 10 June 1997 | 678/97 | Composite Report on Special and Other Funds |
| Policy and Resources Committee | 10 February 1998 | 191/98 | Special Funds 1997/98 and Beyond - Review |
| Finance and Information Technology | 1 September 1998 | 922/98 | Strategic Review of Renewal and Repair Funds. |

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 New gas shutdown systems

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 the above report.

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Appendix 1 New gas shutdown systems

| Client | Property | Cost |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Recreation Services | Forfar Swimming Pool | £2,800 |
| Recreation Services | Lochside Leisure Centre | £2,800 |
| Recreation Services | Montrose Sports Centre | £2,800 |
| Recreation Services | Montrose Swimming Pool | £2,800 |
| Recreation Services | Saltire Leisure Centre | £2,800 |
| | Sub total | £14,000 |
| Chief Executive | Arbroath Business Centre | £2,000 |
| Finance | Invertay House | £3,000 |
| | Total | £19,000 |