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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

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PROVISION OF FINGER GUARDS IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES – PHASE 2

Abstract

This report seeks approval to the provision of supplementary funding from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund to allow the second phase of the installation of finger guards in selected non-housing properties.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to:-

1. note the requirement for remedial safety measures to be carried out in specific non-housing properties;
2. note the agreed funding package from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund and the Education Client Revenue Budget for Phase 2 of the programme;
3. approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £33,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund in 2001/02 for Phase 2 of a remedial safety measures programme;
4. instruct the Director of Property Services to progress Phase 2 of these works immediately and submit a further report detailing the final phase (phase 3) of this programme.

1. INTRODUCTION

Report 688/00, approved by the respective Committees in June and August 2000, advised of a need to undertake a phased programme of protective measures to prevent young children trapping fingers in doors and sought approval of Phase 1 of a three phase prioritised and phased programme of finger guard installation commencing with buildings where occupants are most vulnerable.

Phase 1 has been completed and due to cost savings action was taken to bring forward additional works planned for Phase 2. Phase 2 has similarly been adjusted to bring forward works planned for Phase 3 which enables Phase 3 to incorporate additional requirements identified during the progress of the works..

The Property Services Department seeks approval of funding arrangements to permit the second phase to be proceed.

2. BACKGROUND

Discussions with the Health and Safety Executive have identified an increasing national trend in the number of incidents of children trapping their fingers, between the door and the hinge side of the frame.

Following an investigation of Angus Council accident statistics it is noted that there have been several recent accidents involving children's fingers being damaged in doors. Fortunately none of these resulted in the loss of any fingers or tips.

Following detailed investigation into the matter, and after undertaking a risk assessment, it has been determined that the appropriate course of action is to install appropriate protection at doors likely to present a risk.

Suitable proprietary finger guards have been researched and, following successful field trials in Andover and Letham Primary Schools, it has been determined that such finger guards should be fitted to the door stop on the hinge side only of all door openings, in Council non-housing properties, likely to present a risk.

All new and upgraded buildings will have finger guards installed at doors likely to present a risk.

Due to the large number of buildings and doors to be protected it is considered appropriate to undertake a three year phased programme of finger guard installation commencing with buildings where occupants are most vulnerable, as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1

Primary & Nursery Schools - Part 1	All doors where practicable.	Phase 1 2000/01
Primary & Nursery Schools - Part 2 Secondary Schools, Children's Residential and Day Care Units	All doors where practicable except in Secondary Schools where only doors in the public areas and public toilets will be protected.	Phase 2 2001/02
Sports/Leisure Centres, Public Halls & Baths, Libraries & Museums	All doors except staff areas	Phase 3 2002/03

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of carrying out Phase 2 of these remedial safety measures cannot be contained within the Property Maintenance elements of the respective departmental revenue budgets and it is therefore necessary for supplementary funding to be made available from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund in 2001/02.

In recognition of the dangers to young children, the Education Department is proposing to make funding available from other parts of their Revenue Budget in 2001/02.

Table2

Phase	Education Client Revenue	Renewal & Repairs Inc Fees	Total

1 - 2000/01	£20,000	£33,000	£53,000
2 - 2001/02	£20,000	£33,000	£53,000
3 - 2002/03	£0	£33,000	£33,000
Totals	£40,000	£99,000	£139,000

The programmes of work detailed in this report for 2001/02 can be contained within the provisions of the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

Progression of Phase 3 will be subject to budget provisions being available.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS 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, Director of Law & Administration, Director of Finance and the Director of Education have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to note the requirement for remedial safety measures to be carried out in specific non-housing properties; note the agreed funding package from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund and the Education Client Revenue Budget for Phase 2 of the programme; approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £33,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund in 2001/02 for Phase 2 of a remedial safety measures programme and instruct the Director of Property Services to progress Phase 2 of these works immediately and submit a further report detailing the final phase (phase 3) of this programme.

REFERENCES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Finance and Information Technology Committee	15 June 1998	922/98	Strategic Review of Renewal and Repair Funds.
Personnel and Property Services Committee	13 June 2000	688/00	Provision of finger guards in council properties – Phase 1
Finance and Information Technology Committee			
Education Committee	22 August 2000	688/00	Provision of finger guards in council properties – Phase 1

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Provision of finger guards - Phase 2

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.

M G Lunny
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Appendix 1

Provision of Finger Guards – Phase 2

Education	
Site Name	£
Airlie Primary School	£800
Auchterhouse Primary School	£500
Borrowfield Primary School	£3,500
Cortachy Primary School	£600
Dun Primary School	£300
Eassie Primary School	£350
Friockheim Primary School	£2,750
Glenisla Primary School	£750
Inverarity Primary School	£1,100
Kilry Primary School	£500
Kirkriggs Primary School	£1,800
Lethnot Primary School	£330
Langlands Primary School	£3,050
Lintrathen Primary School	£550
Lochside Primary School	£4,000
Chapelark Primary School	£3,000
Monikie Primary School	£1,000
Music Centre, Forfar	£550
Newtyle Primary School	£2,000
Pitkenney Primary School	£300
Strathmartine Primary School	£520
Tannadice Primary School	£1,400
Tarfside Primary School	£380
Tealing Primary School	£800
Wellbrae Primary School	£1,100
Angus House	£1,500
Arbroath Academy	£650
Arbroath High School	£770
Brechin High School	£1,800
Carnoustie High School	£1,650
Forfar Academy	£1,300
Monifieth High School	£1,300
Montrose Academy	£550
Webster's High School	£550
Total	£42,000

Recreation Services	
Site Name	£
Montrose Sports Centre	£2,340
Webster's Sports Centre	£1,560
Crombie Park	£400
Carnoustie Leisure Centre	£1,350
Sports and Community Centre	£1,100
Total	£6,750

Social Work	
Site Name	£
Broomfield Resource Centre	£400
Child & Family Centre, Arbroath	£1,050
Total	£1,450

Cultural Services	
Site Name	£
Arbroath Library	£300
Webster Theatre	£2,200
Signal Tower Museum	£300
Total	£2,800

Grand Total **£53,000**