

ANGUS COUNCIL

RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 5 October 2000  
PERSONNEL & PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 17 October 2000  
FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – 17 October 2000

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY SURFACING PROGRAMME  
EARLY ACTION PROPOSALS

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES & DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

Authority is sought for implementation of safety improvements for equipment in play areas across Angus.

**1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) It is recommended that the Committee agree to the preparation of detailed proposals and their implementation for the required safety improvements, at the playgrounds listed, within the available financial resources and in consultation with local members.
- b) It is remitted to the Director to continue to prepare the details for a second phase of safety improvements, again in consultation with local members and in conjunction with the relevant officers, the development of the appropriate funding package.

**2 BACKGROUND & PROPOSALS**

Reference is made to the Recreation and Cultural Services Committee of 1 June 2000, Report 589/00, when it was remitted to the Director of Recreation to bring back a programme of replacement and refurbishment of existing play areas. This programme has been developed as a result of a risk assessment exercise across the 118 playgrounds for which the department is responsible. The risk assessments have identified that a number of areas require early action in terms of their safety requirements.

The playgrounds containing equipment in need of early action are: -

<b>Early Action</b>	<b>Cost</b>
India Street, Montrose	3,400
Dubton, by Montrose	1,000
Inveraldie	9,350

Friockheim Park		1,200
Padanaram, by Forfar		2,950
Pitskelly Park, Carnoustie		10,100
Steele Park, Forfar		35,000
The Hill, Kirriemuir		11,675
Newtyle		3,725
Little Nursery, Montrose		1,050
Market Muir, Forfar		3,450
The Curlie, Montrose		825
Glamis Park		4,850
Bogindollo		3,050
Lilybank Crescent, Forfar		3,450
Hillhead Terrace, Kirriemuir		6,000
Adams Way, Montrose		400
Grampian Park, Forfar		500
Inch Park, Brechin		1,750
Baillie Wilson Way, Montrose		900
Craichie		800
Fettes Way, Montrose		400
Langlands Park, Forfar		9,325
Drumachlie Park, Brechin		2,950
Public Park, Brechin		400
Inverkeilor		8,300
Springfield Park, Arbroath		2,975
Ballister Park, Carnoustie		350
Mountskip, Brechin		2,950
Market Street, Brechin		350
Crombie Country Park	}	Works to be completed by
Monikie Country Park	}	Country Parks staff
		<b>TOTAL</b>
		<b>£133,425</b>

It is proposed that the early action be completed within the available resources, and that as the details are prepared that the local member is consulted.

This is the first phase of the programme and further consultation and details drawing up for the second and following phases of work will be ongoing and subject of a further report.

### 3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated total cost of the Early Action Programme is £133,425. The projected timescale for carrying out all of this work is estimated as 6 months and the resultant spend over the next 2 financial years is estimated to be £107,000 in 2000/01 and £26,425 in 2001/02.

Specific provision exists within the Property Repairs and Renewals Fund for £97,000 and in addition £10,000 can be met from the Recreation Services 2000/01 Revenue Budget. The balance of £26,425 will require to be accommodated as part of the overall 2001/02 budget exercise.

Ongoing analysis of the works required to complete the projects classified as Phase 2 and Phase 3 respectively is currently being actioned. The results of this analysis will be fed into the overall budget consideration for financial year 2001/02 and beyond.

#### **4 CONSULTATION**

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

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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 this report.

