

**REPORT TO:** LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE/ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 18 February 2002

**REPORT ON:** BROUGHTY FERRY – ANIMAL EXCLUSION ZONE

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ARTS/DIRECTOR OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

**REPORT NO:** 124-2002

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report considers the outcome of consultation relating to the proposed extension to the Animal Exclusion Zone at Broughty Ferry beach and seeks to obtain approval for additional signage for the beach and adjacent parks.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members;

- 2.1 agree that the Animal Exclusion Zone is not extended to the entire beach but it is confined to the existing zone.
- 2.2 agree that the Exclusion Zone is operative on a seasonal basis from the 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> September annually.
- 2.3 remit to Leisure and Arts, Park Rangers and Environmental and Consumer Protection Department Animal Control Officers to continue to monitor and enforce management rules.
- 2.4 accept the offer received from T R L Signs, Hamilton for additional beach signage at £2762.28
- 2.5 agree to the beach being considered an area where owners may not permit a dog to foul, in terms of Section 48 (2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of the signage is £2762.28 which can be met from the Leisure and Parks Department's 2001/02 Capital Budget.

## **4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The proposals support the principle of Local Agenda 21 priority by promoting the key theme where health is protected by creating safe, clean and pleasant areas.

## **5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The implementation of the Exclusion Zone will enhance individual opportunities for safe and healthy leisure pursuits.

## **6. BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of the Leisure Services Committee of the 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 when approval was given to develop and implement an Animal Exclusion Zone on Broughty Ferry Beach all as part of the overall strategy and long term objective of achieving Blue Flag Status for the beach.

Officers were instructed to brief the public on the implementation of the Animal Exclusion Zone and seek consultation on the possibility of including other areas from the entire beach and report to Committee on the above.

- 6.2 Public consultation was carried out through distribution of questionnaires to organisations, through a display at Broughty Ferry Library and through attendance at events, in particular the Broughty Ferry Gala day where a display was set up and staff were on hand to offer advice and information.
- 6.3 A majority of respondents were in favour of the Animal Exclusion Zone not being extended, and for the ban to be seasonal.
- 6.4 In conclusion it is recommended that the Animal Exclusion Zone is not extended at this stage and that it operates on a seasonal basis which is in line with criteria related to the Blue Flag areas.
- 6.5 In addition to the operation of the Animal Exclusion Zone, the entire beach can be considered an area where owners may not permit a dog to foul, in terms of Section 48(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 6.6 Supplementary signage is required under Section 48(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to specify the area as an area maintained by the Local Authority and used for recreational purposes. Once designated with the signage, the beach will be an area where dog fouling is an offence. This should ensure that dog owners are aware of their responsibilities and subject to appropriate enforcement.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning, have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Dundee City Council Management Rules regulating Parks, Open Spaces and Places of Public Resort and Recreation.
- 8.2 Report No. 701/1999 – Policy & Resources committee of 18<sup>th</sup> October 1999 “Identification of Broughty Ferry Beach as a Bathing Water”.
- 8.3 Seaside Award and European Blue Flag – Criteria and Guidance Notes 2000. Tidy Britain Group.
- 8.4 Article II Leisure Services Committee 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 (Report No 249-2000) Broughty Ferry Animal Exclusion Zone

## **9.0 SIGNED**

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**Director of Leisure and Arts**

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**Date**

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**Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection**

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