

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 21 March 2005

REPORT ON: Stobsmuir Park Masterplan

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 182-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To outline the concept Masterplan for the future development of Stobsmuir Park and seek approval to progress the key proposals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee

- 2.1 Approve in principal the concept identified within the Stobsmuir Park Masterplan and remit the Director of Leisure and Arts to take forward proposal in consultation with Stobsmuir Stakeholders as resources and opportunities allow.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any financial implications will be contained within existing Leisure and Arts Department's Revenue Budgets and/or future Capital Plans.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Stobsmuir Park Masterplan will provide sustainability for the area by planning its future improvements within realistic timescales and budgets while taking into account the environment and biodiversity of the area.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 To ensure all citizens, and in particular the disabled, have access to a clean, safe and free public area in Stobsmuir Park.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The Leisure and Arts Department is in the process of drawing up "concept masterplans" for all its major city parks as a mechanism to provide forward planning for their future development. Camperdown Country Park Play Complex, Castle Green and Dawson Park Masterplan have already been approved by Committee and Stobsmuir Masterplan is submitted as the fourth in the series. This supports the aims of the Department to provide customer focus, facility management, increased linkage with local communities, enhanced leisure opportunities and recreational value for the city's parks.
- 6.2 The proposed Masterplan has been developed to provide a planned phased programme of improvement works in the Stobsmuir Park area over the long term as resources allow. The plan is designed to allow annual improvement works to progress without causing disruption to existing provision or causing any duplication of provision. The proposals build on the

consultation works with the Community and will complement the works and activities at Baxter.

6.3 Key elements of the Masterplan will be reported to Committee as each is designed in detail, funding identified and tenders received for construction.

6.4 Key Proposals of the Master Plan include:-

- The removal of attendant hut and relocation to the pavilion which will enhance security of pavilion and allow toilets to reopen.
- The relocation of the play area from the extreme eastern corner and relocate to an appropriate area in the park. The precise location and content will be subject to stakeholder consultations and match available resources.
- The redesign of the putting area to form a proposed activity area as well as a reduced putting green size.
- The upgrade of the pavilion block.
- Upgrading of the south pond wall to ensure the integrity of the pond leakage from the ponds and upgrade ramps in relation to Disability Access.
- Environmental improvements of the site which will involve community participation.
- Improved signage and parks furniture.

6.5 In addition the Department together with stakeholder group are seeking to develop a seasonal activity programme in the short term, to improve outdoor leisure opportunity, assist in cementing community engagements and complement the existing seasonal facilities. This early action includes amending the existing landscape to assist both security and operations.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents. In addition Stobsmuir Park Stakeholders have been consulted. The groups in addition to various Council Departments include:-

Stobswell Forum
Friends of Baxter Park
Dundee Play Forum
Aberlour Outreach
Dundee Model Boat Club

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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