

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 22 August 2005

REPORT ON: Caird Park Masterplan

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 487-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To outline the proposed Draft Masterplan for the future development of Caird Park and seek approval to progress with a more detailed study in relation to stadium provision.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the principal contents of the Caird Park Masterplan, remit to Director of Leisure and Arts to progress the implementation of the Masterplan as outlined in this report over the next 10 years and seek external funding opportunities and partnerships in implementing the plan.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any financial implications will be contained within Leisure & Arts Revenue Budgets and Capital priorities submitted for consideration within Capital Plans

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Caird 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.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The Leisure and Arts Department is in the process of drawing up Masterplans for all its major city parks as a mechanism to provide forward planning for their future development. Camperdown Country Park, Stobswell, Castle Green and Dawson Park have already been approved by Committee and Caird Park Masterplan is submitted as the next 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 Caird Park area over the next ten years. It 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 recent improvements to signage and park entrances and will be complimented by new parks furniture and the works relating to the athletic stadium modernisation.
- 6.3 Each element of the Masterplan will be reported to Committee as each is designed in detail, funding identified and tenders received for construction. The key proposals include:

- Creation of a Development and Management Plan for Den of Mains incorporating an enhanced heritage trail, which focus on both biodiversity and natural heritage.
- The development of Caird Park Athletics Stadium to form a regional facility. Proposed elements of this includes:-
 - Upgrading of the Track. This is in the process of being implemented as part of a Big Lottery Funding initiative.
 - Upgrade outdoor athletic facilities to a standard where regional events can be accommodated.
 - Upgrading of the velodrome site to form a cycling academy and build on the centre of excellence for cycling by developing a mountain bike track and other cycle related leisure opportunities.
- The creation of cycleway/footpath network both following the inside boundary and internal routes within the park. This would be used for cross country runs, general jogging and cycle route and connect with the stadium.
- Development Plan for the golf course to include physical improvements and a biodiversity plan to enhance the overall environmental value of the park. In addition combine the 18 and 9 hole starter points which will involve a realignment of the existing course layout. Consultations on realignment will be undertaken with course users including Caird Park Golf Club.
- Improvements to the amenity area in and around Mains Castle and frontage of stadium.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Planning & Transportation and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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