

Angus Council 2017/18 Revenue Budget

APPENDIX A to Report 57/17

Investment Bids - Services to Communities / Angus Alive

Set out below are the investment bids submitted in priority order and those recommended for approval for 2017/18 split between ongoing and one-off investments. Bids are restricted to 2017/18 only as investment bids affecting later years may be subject to significant change due to changing circumstances

Priority Ref.	Proposal	2017/18 Ongoing £'000	2017/18 One-Off	2017/18 Total £'000	2017/18 Staff Impact FTE	Recommendation		Reasons
						2017/18 Ongoing £'000	2017/18 One-off £'000	
S2C-001	Uplift to ANGUSalve Management Fee for additional Library Information Advisors. Information Advisors are the integrated role of ACCESS Office Assistants and Library Assistants who provide the front-line customer contact for these services. Following a period of settling in after the integration of front-line staff in November 2015, it is now clear there is insufficient resource budget provision to ensure business continuity during periods of absence and a requirement to make a minor adjustment to the rota. The established Information Advisor hours are therefore not sufficient to sustain current site opening hours and service delivery primarily as guidance to include backfill cover for these frontline employees was not available during the Service Review.	117	-	117	4.0	0	117	Recognised as an issue - need to provide funding for this for 2017/18 only to enable the proposed works as part of the agile working and locality hubs to progress. £30,000 of this is already provided for in the Services to Communities budget so the net uplift in the Council's budget is only £87,000
S2C-002	Uplift to ANGUSalve Management Fee to maintain minimum staffing levels to meet statutory health and safety requirements in the delivery of services at Brechin Community Campus, thereby making permanent the arrangement agreed by the Strategic Director - Communities and Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance at the meeting on Thu 23 Mar 2016. ANGUSalve's 2016/17 Management Fee was increased via a budget transfer from the Communities 2015/16 underspend as an interim measure - this being on the agreement that the structural budget adjustment for future years would be dealt with as part of the 2017/18 budget process.	104	-	104	-	0	0	Recognised as an issue but not affordable for the Council to provide extra funds to support this issue. Will require alternative solutions by Angus Alive - see below additional notes on implications arising.
S2C-003	Uplift to ANGUSalve Management Fee to support the additional cost of maintaining 'ANGUSalve areas' at both Brechin and Forfar Community Campuses. The cleaning costs have increased due to the larger footprint of both sites in comparison to the legacy facilities. The total additional cleaning cost is contingent on the result of discussions regarding the transfer of existing cleaners at Lochside Leisure Centre to Tayside Contracts and may reduce/increase based on the outcome. The synthetic pitch at Brechin Community Campus is larger than the one previously available at Brechin Leisure Centre and at Forfar Community Campus the synthetic pitch is new as there was no equivalent at Lochside Leisure Centre. Additional budget is consequently required to enable both synthetic pitches to be properly maintained to ensure their expected lifespan can be achieved.	152	-	152	-	0	0	Agreed in principle but expect it will be possible to meet from over provision in other budgets for Brechin Community Campus e.g. Non-domestic rates. Funding for 2017/18 will be confirmed and provided once clarity on 2016/17 outturn for Brechin Community Campus is known. If necessary this funding will be taken from the Provision for Additional Burdens budget

S2C-004	Uplift to ANGUSalive Management Fee for ANGUSalive recurring costs (e.g. regulatory costs, banking fees, audit fees, etc.) thereby making permanent the arrangement agreed by the Strategic Director - Communities and Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance at meeting of Thu 23 Mar 2016. ANGUSalive's 2016/17 Management Fee was increased via a budget transfer from the Council's Provision for Additional Burdens as an interim measure - this being on the agreement that the structural budget adjustment for future years would be dealt with as part of the 2017/18 budget process.	84	-	84	-	84	0	These are additional costs wholly as a consequence of creating a new arms length trust. A budget for these costs is required on an ongoing basis. These costs should have been provided for in 2016/17 but were omitted in error.
S2C-005	Uplift to ANGUSalive Management Fee in respect of training needs across the organisation. There is a structural budget issue resulting from the fact there is insufficient provision in the base budget for staff training, this includes the cost of statutory lifeguard training for permanent employees and backfill for front line employees in Library Customer and Culture to ensure business continuity across the services at all times.	79	-	79	3.0	0	0	Agreed - not affordable for the Council to fund in current environment
S2C-006	Uplift to ANGUSalive Management Fee to allow the extension of opening hours by 2 hours daily following individual customer and club requests/feedback. There is also a requirement to facilitate the development of services to make full advantage of the facilities at both Brechin and Forfar Community Campuses for the local communities and to attract regional as well as national events.	99	-	99	3.1	0	0	Agreed - not affordable for the Council to fund in current environment
TOTAL INVESTMENT PROPOSALS		635	0	635	10	84	117	

Implications of Rejected Bids

Priority Ref.	Issue	Implications
S2C-002	Staffing Brechin Campus	Angus Alive management have indicated an intention to manage this issue across the whole of their budget in order to minimise any impact on service provision
S2C-005	Training	Angus Alive management will need to address this challenge within existing budget resources. Although this will be challenging this is considered achievable within the overall budget settlement proposed
S2C-006	Extension of Opening Hours	No impact on existing service levels. This was raised as a potential service enhancement option but was subsequently withdrawn given overall funding constraints