

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 18 AUGUST 2015

RECREATION REPAIRS AND RENEWAL FUND

REPORT BY (INTERIM) HEAD OF SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This report asks members to approve the Strategic Director of Communities proposed use of the Recreation Repairs and Renewal (R&R) fund in the current and future years.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Notes the current balance and projected spend in future years detailed in section 3.1
- (ii) Approves the £250,000 spend detailed in the table contained within section 4.1 of this report.

2. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are caring and healthy
- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The amounts in the financial plan (per report 61/15) are as follows:

	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000
Leisure Equipment Replacement Programme (inc. Associated Improvements)	200	100	43	0
<i>Recreation R&R Fund</i>	<i>(200)</i>	<i>(100)</i>	<i>(43)</i>	<i>0</i>
Net Cost	0	0	0	0

The balance in the Recreation R&R Fund as at 31 March 2015 is £342k, calculated as follows:

	£
Opening balance at 1/4/14	469,134.63
Drawdown to fund 14/15 capital expenditure	(127,016.41)
Closing balance at 31/3/15	342,118.22

There is however a further £250k year-end carry forward available to supplement the R&R Fund based on the final 14/15 outturn (report 239/15 to Council on 18 June 2015 refers), taking the total available R&R Fund balance as at 1 April 2015 to £592,118.22.

3.2 The spend has been prioritised in accordance with the Services to Communities five year equipment replacement plan.

3.3 A proportion of the spend in the current and future years will be used to purchase essential equipment for the new campuses in Brechin and Forfar.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 The proposed spend in 2015/16 is detailed in the following table:-

Facility	Equipment	Estimated Cost
Arbroath Sports Centre	Gym and Sports Equipment	£31,000
Lochside Leisure Centre	Sports Equipment	£7,500
Carnoustie Leisure Centre	Gym and Sports Equipment	£3,500
Leisure Facility at Brechin Community Campus	Gym and Sports Equipment	£97,000
Webster's Sports Centre	Gym and Sports Equipment	£51,000
Montrose Sports Centre	Gym and Sports Equipment	£6,000
Saltire Leisure Centre	Gym and Sports Equipment	£60,000
Countryside Services	Sports and General Equipment	£10,000
Webster Theatre	Theatre Equipment	£10,500
Museums / Galleries / Archives	Digital / IT Equipment	£16,500
Libraries / Access	Printer	£5,500
Total 15/16		£298,500

In terms of Financial Regulations Section 16, the sourcing strategy which will be applied is as follows:

5. PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The associated improvements to some of the areas will involve some specialist works to be carried out in consultation with property colleagues.

6. RISKS

6.1 If we do not continue to invest in improvements to the facilities, the risk is that user numbers, memberships and income generation may decline.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The estimated total cost of the 2015/16 replacement programme is £298,500 and includes the replacement of equipment at cultural locations, as well as the sports facilities. The 2014/2019 Financial Plan will be amended to reflect this replacement programme at its next update.

7.2 The balance available on the R&R Fund at 1 April 2015 is £592,118. The 2015/16 programmed expenditure will reduce this balance to £293,618.

7.3 The implementation of the future years planned programme of investment is subject to the availability of funding in those years (Revenue, R&R or Capital) and funding details will be confirmed in the appropriate future years.

7.4 The success of previous and current spend on equipment and improvements have contributed greatly to the ability of Leisure Services to return surpluses which have been able to contribute towards the R&R programme of investment in future years.

7.5 The gym equipment will be procured through Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Contract 345 Framework Agreement (ESPO). All other equipment will be purchased in accordance with the councils procurement and financial regulations.

8. CONSULTATION

The Procurement Manager has been consulted regarding the content of this report..

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 It is essential that a structured plan for investment for Services to Communities is sustained and reviewed to allow for continuous improvement into the leisure related provision across Angus.
- 9.2 The planned programme for investment contributes to Services to Communities ability to meet increasingly difficult income targets on an annual basis.

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 a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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