

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 6 NOVEMBER 2014**

**SOUTH LINKS HOLIDAY PARK, MONTROSE**

**REPORT BY THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - COMMUNITIES**

**ABSTRACT**

To consider an application to vary the caravan site licence for South Links Holiday Park, Montrose, to alter the opening period of the site to allow all year round opening which requires to be determined by the Committee.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee determine an application to vary the caravan site licence held by WOW Leisure Limited in respect of South Links Holiday Park, Montrose to allow all year round opening of the site (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December).

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/ CORPORATE PLAN**

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

- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant

**3. BACKGROUND**

South Links Caravan Park is licensed as a caravan park under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. The licenceholder is WOW Leisure Limited. The current operating period is 1<sup>st</sup> March to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

An application has been received from WOW Leisure Ltd to alter the caravan site licence for South Links Caravan Park Montrose. The applicant wishes to alter the operating period of their licence to all year round occupation (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December). The site is currently closed throughout the month of February.

The operating period of the site is not limited by planning consent and, therefore, in terms of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 an amended site licence should be issued.

Committee is specifically asked to note that, although the grant of the variation will mean that the South Links Caravan Park will be permitted to open all year round, residential occupation is prohibited and the Park can only be used for Holiday Static and Touring Caravans. Residential occupation is not permitted.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

The site has been recently inspected and on the basis that the site meets the requirements of "Model Standards" in compliance with The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960 and that the necessary planning consents are in place, an amendment to the licence can be approved.

If an occupier of land fails to comply with any condition for the time being attached to a site licence held by him in respect of the land, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, in the case of the first offence to a fine not exceeding £2,500.

Where a person convicted for failing to comply with a condition attached to a site licence has on two or more previous occasions been convicted for failing to comply with a condition attached to that licence, the court before whom he is convicted may, if an application in that behalf is made at the hearing by the local authority in whose area the land is situated, make an order for the revocation of the site licence

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50 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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