

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 FEBRUARY 2019

DISPOSAL OF MOBILE HALF PIPE

REPORT BY HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks Committee approval to dispose of this asset to a community group.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee authorise the Head of Communities to dispose of this asset to a suitable community group.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

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

PEOPLE

- The best start in life for children
- Improved physical, mental and emotional health and well-being

PLACE

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Environmental and Leisure Services Committee (11 October 2005, Report No 1161/05, Article 10 refers), approved the acquisition of a mobile half pipe through external funding sources, as it was recognised at the time that funding for permanent wheeled sports facilities would be difficult to obtain. Leisure Services were able to source a mobile unit to help satisfy demand for this type of activity and this unit was moved across burghs with no wheeled sports provision throughout the summer months. The total cost of the unit was £23,000. The ongoing costs of the storage, transport, inspection and maintenance of the unit were absorbed within Leisure Services revenue budgets.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 There are now permanent wheeled sports facilities (outdoor skate parks) in Arbroath, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Monifieth and Montrose. The mobile half pipe has been in secure storage since 2016 and only used occasionally from 2013. The unit is in relatively poor condition with estimated costs of between £4000 and £6000 to bring into a serviceable condition.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Applications to acquire the item of equipment will be invited from community groups and will be assessed by the Community Asset Transfer Group (CATG) using an abbreviated version of the assessment model approved in Report 105/18 (Angus Council meeting of 22 March 2018). The group will assess applications on the deliverable community benefits element only.
- 5.2 All eligible groups will be contacted by communities' officers and given the opportunity to view the equipment along with support in making any application.

- 5.3 The community group scoring highest in terms of community benefit will be offered the unit free of charge and be responsible for all costs associated with its uplift from storage and transportation.
- 5.4 The unit will become the property of the successful group along with all associated on-costs.
- 5.5 Communities within a 5 mile radius of an existing skate park will be specifically excluded from participating in the process.
- 5.6 Should the unit fail to transfer to community ownership it will be disposed of by public auction as per Financial Regulations.

6. RISKS

- 6.1 The community group may not develop its activities as outlined in its proposals.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no costs associated with disposal to a community group.
- 7.2 Disposal by public auction will produce a small capital receipt.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive and Head of Finance and Legal been consulted in the preparation of this report.

9. EQUALITIES

- 9.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed 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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