

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 23 February 2009

REPORT ON: Proposed New North East Cemetery

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 133-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of Committee to move forward in relation to a detailed site investigation of the proposed site, invite tenders for the required site investigation work and to seek to progress a planning application in respect of the site.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Engineer be remitted to undertake a detailed site investigation to provide the outline costs for the development of the cemetery including the access road and submit a planning application for the proposals.
- 2.2 That subject to the outcome of the detailed site investigation and the outline costs that the Director of Leisure and Communities evaluates the financial implications of developing the new cemetery under the prudential borrowing.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The indicative costs of £50,000 from the City Engineer to undertake the detailed site investigation and prepare an outline cost budget can be contained within the Leisure and Communities Capital Budget 2008/09 and 2009/10.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Cemetery Provision of the City

Reference is made to the meeting of the Leisure, Arts and Communities Meeting on 12 January 2009, which noted the limited provision remaining at existing cemeteries in Dundee, the results of preliminary investigations into potential cemetery sites and which remitted the Director of Leisure & Communities to undertake a detailed site investigation of the site to the North of West Pitkerro.

Local Authorities are required to provide a supply of land for burials. In forward planning terms the supply of 25/50 years is desirable. In terms of the supply of new lairs it is estimated that there is the potential of 3/4 years at Barnhill cemetery and 6 years at Birkhill.

4.2 Proposed New Cemetery

An opportunity has arisen for the site at the North of West Pitkerro Industrial Estate. This is an extensive site offering full potential to meet the future cemetery capacity requirements for the east side of the city. Initial investigations have not revealed any ancient or historic sites within this location, as was the case in the site further to the East.

Although public transport access is limited at present the investigation will examine

the scope for improved services.

There is no obvious problem in respect of the site and it is recommended that the City Engineer undertake a detailed site investigation of the proposed site including exploratory site investigation to determine ground conditions. The study will also provide outline costs for developing the site and the access road. The results of this will be reported to a subsequent committee.

It is also recommended that planning permission should be progressed in parallel with the study.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues

6.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Director of Planning & Transportation, Head of Finance and City Engineer has been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Planning and Transport Committee and Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 12 January 2009 - Future Cemetery Provision in Dundee - Site Profiles Preliminary Assessment Report No. 5 - 2009

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