

**REPORT TO: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT ON: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SITE MOBILE TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER MASTS FOR ONE TO ONE AT DUNDEE ROAD WEST AND CLAYPOTTS PARK**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND PARKS**

**REPORT NO: 194-2001**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To allow consideration of a request for permission to site mobile phone transmission masts at Claypotts Park, Arbroath Road and Dundee Road West .

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That permission in principle be granted for the erection of masts at the location identified subject to the negotiation of satisfactory terms and conditions by the Director of Economic Development.

2.2 That it be remitted to the Director of Economic Development to negotiate an appropriate lease/wayleave and report the results back to a future meeting of this Committee for information.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no financial expenditure implications for the Department.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Care will need to be taken to ensure that the masts concerned impact as little as possible on visual and environmental amenity.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

**6.0 BACKGROUND**

6.1 A request has been received from James Barr Consultants Ltd on behalf of One to One for permission to site mobile phone transmission masts at the above locations (location plans will be on display at the meeting). These masts are required because of gaps in One to One's signal coverage in the city.

6.2 The Planning and Transportation Department have confirmed that the size and nature of the masts proposed (12 metres high) means that planning permission is not required. It is also the case that if these masts were to be sited in a location within the Planning and Transportation Department maintained roadside "verge", the company could simply proceed to erect them exercising their statutory rights under the Roads and Streetworks Act 1991. However, the two locations proposed here do not come within the Roads and Streetworks provisions and are currently held on the Leisure and Parks Account. There is therefore an opportunity to exercise a measure of control for the future by conditions applied to a lease/wayleave.

6.3 The Director of Planning and Transportation is currently drafting a policy paper on the siting of telecommunications masts following a decision of the Policy and Resources Committee on 11th October 1999 (Article I refers). Among other things, it was agreed then that while barring the erection of these masts in such locations as school or nursery buildings or grounds, and multi storey housing blocks owned by the Council, we would encourage network operators to locate telecommunications masts on other industrial and commercial buildings, and ground owned by the City Council, provided they agreed to mast sharing where possible.

6.4 It is therefore the case that if the Committee is of a mind to grant these two current requests, this could be done by way of a lease/wayleave incorporating appropriate conditions to safeguard the interests of the Council and the public and it could be remitted to the Director of Economic Development to negotiate the leases/wayleaves accordingly.

**7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Directors of Support Services, Planning and Transportation and Economic Development have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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