

# **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 19 April 2004**

**REPORT ON: Proposals for Future of Stobsmuir Park**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts**

**REPORT NO: 301-2004**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Committee in respect of the seasonal facilities at Stobsmuir Park and seeking agreement for the Director of Leisure and Arts to carry out consultations on the future use of Stobsmuir Park.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that on the basis of usage and income generated from Stobsmuir for putting and golf that consideration is given to the discontinuation of these services.
- 2.2 That the Director of Leisure and Arts is remitted to progress this proposal through consultation with user groups and other stakeholders during the current season and ascertain whether there is an alternative option for the sites. The outcome will be reported back to this Committee.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The joint income generated from the seasonal facilities i.e. boats and putting in 2003/2004 was £2,018. The expenditure for the upkeep of the boats, works required to ensure the putting surface was in a fit condition and seasonal staffing was £9,464.

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The proposals will ensure local needs are met locally and that access to facilities, services, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all. Opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation and readily available to all.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 Stobsmuir Park is an attractive park which includes an upper pond used for seasonal boat hires, lower pond which is used by a local model boat club, rose garden, play area and putting green.

There has been a steady decline in the seasonal use of both boat hire and putting green facilities at Stobsmuir Park during 2003/2004. During 2003 which was one of the best summers recorded in the city the usage of both the putting green and the boating pond at

Stobsmuir Park did not meet budgeted income targets of £4,620 with only £1,535 being raised from the boat use and £483 being raised through putting.

It is proposed to continue the seasonal facilities during 2004/2005. However it is further proposed that the Director of Leisure and Arts be remitted to monitor the situation and consult with the user groups and stakeholders in terms of the potential to discontinue the services both at the putting green and the boating pond and to seek views on alternative uses of the area which would add value to the park. It is further recommended that the report be brought back to this Committee in November outlining the results of the consultation and any proposals identified.

- 6.2 In relation to the financial implications the income and expenditure of Stobsmuir Park in relation to the boats and putting during the 2003/04 season were as follows:-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Putting Green	£483	
Putting maintenance etc		£212
Boats	£1,535	
Boats maintenance		£452
Cost of Seasonal Staff		<u>£8,800</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>£2,018</u>	<u>£9,464</u>

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None

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