

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 16 May 2005

**REPORT ON:** Future of Cemetery Provision – Additional Sites

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

**REPORT NO:** 313-2005

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To remit the Director of Leisure and Arts and the Director of Planning and Transportation to investigate the potential for additional cemetery provision in the eastern half of Dundee within identified areas of search.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-

Members agree to remit the Director of Leisure and Arts and the Director of Planning and Transportation to carry out an initial feasibility study to establish the potential for additional cemetery provision within the areas of search identified in Appendix 1; and

- 2.2 The results of the feasibility study are reported back to this Committee for future consideration.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of the feasibility study works and evaluation of the two areas of search is estimated at £1,500. These costs can be met from allowances within the Leisure and Arts Department's 2005/06 Capital budget.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The report will assist in the provision of access to facilities by ensuring that the proper balance of cemetery provision through the City is achieved.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 Introduction

Reference is made to Article XI of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 16 February 2004 when the 'Future Cemetery Provision' proposals were agreed. In particular significant pressure for future provision beyond that provided by Birkhill, Barnhill and Eastern Cemetery in the long term was identified. The Director of Planning and Transportation and the Director of Leisure and Arts were remitted to report back on the identification of areas of search within which possible new sites would be subsequently investigated.

## 6.2 Site Criteria

An initial search has been carried out based on the criteria of identifying land which has:-

- limited alternative high development values
- potential to be made available within the necessary timeframe
- no negative impact on the provisions of the adopted Local Plan or the Finalised Local Plan Review
- reasonable public transport access
- environmentally and aesthetically sensitive to the proposed use as a burial site

Two areas of search are identified in Appendix 1 which satisfy these criteria. These are:-

- land north of Arbroath Road
- land north of Middleton Woods

6.3 As agreed at the Committee of 16 February 2004 and subject to approval in principle to these areas of search, a feasibility study will now be carried out within these areas, the results of which will be submitted to a further Committee for consideration.

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

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

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Article XI Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 16 February 2004 – ‘Future Cemetery Provision’.

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