

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 24 October 2005

REPORT ON: Dudhope Park Masterplan

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 622-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To outline the Masterplan for the future development of Dudhope Park.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approve the principal contents of the Dudhope Park Masterplan and remit the Director of Leisure and Communities to progress the implementation of the Masterplan as outlined in this report over the next 10 years.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Revenue expenditure will be met from existing budgetary resources. Capital expenditure will be included in submissions for future Capital Plans for the Leisure and Communities Department.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Dudhope Park Masterplan will provide sustainability for the area by planning its future improvements within realistic timescales and budgets while taking into account the environment and biodiversity of the area.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 To ensure all citizens and in particular the disabled, have access to a clean, safe and free public area.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The Leisure and Arts Department is in the process of drawing up Masterplans for all its major city parks as a mechanism to provide forward planning for their future development. Camperdown Country Park Play Complex, Castle Green Masterplan and Dawson Park have already been approved by Committee and Dudhope Park Masterplan is submitted as the next in the series. This supports the aims of the Department to provide customer focus, facility management, increased linkage with local communities, enhanced leisure opportunities and recreational value for the city's parks.

6.2 The proposed Masterplan has been developed to provide a planned phased programme of improvement works in the Dudhope Park area over the next ten years. It is designed to allow annual improvement works to progress without causing disruption to existing provision or causing any duplication of provision. The proposals build on the existing proposed improvement in relation to the construction of a city skateboard park.

6.3 Each element of the Masterplan will be reported to Committee as each is designed in detail, funding identified and tenders received for construction.

The key elements of the Masterplan include: -

- Complete the existing Skateboard Park and carry out landscape improvements to complement facility.
- Discontinue remaining bowling green which has had a decline in usage over the last few years.
- Create a new multi-sports area to include for tennis, basketball and 5 aside football.
- Create general kickabout area for informal use.
- Remove existing tennis court and create BMX bike area.
- General improvements to landscape and information include park furniture, landscaping and footpaths etc.

It is proposed that the Masterplan is agreed and that the Director of Leisure and Communities is remitted to bring forward the proposals.

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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