

REPORT TO: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2001  
REPORT ON: PARKS AND CEMETERIES FOOTPATH RESTORATION  
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND PARKS  
REPORT NO: 744-2001

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval to carry out works to improve footpaths at Balgay Hill and Birkhill Cemetery and to accept an offer from the Leisure and Parks DSO.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer received from the Leisure and Parks DSO to carry out the restoration works amounting to £17,765, including contingencies, be accepted.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This expenditure of £17,765 can be met from the allowances of £370,000 for Infrastructure Improvements in the Leisure and Parks Department 2001/02 Capital Budget.

**4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All materials have been sourced from renewable resources where possible.

**5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The works will as far as possible ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the parkland.

**6. MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The proposed works including the restoration of footpaths at Balgay Hill and creation of a link path to join Birkhill Cemetery with Coupar Angus Road bus stop.

- 6.2 At Balgay Park the work has been made necessary due to erosion of the footpath over the years rendering them dangerous in places. All work will be carried out in a sympathetic manner to the location.

The work includes the construction of timber revetments and infilling of free draining soil to cover the gulying which has occurred. It is further proposed to cover the area with top soil and sow with grass seed to provide for the stabilisation of the slopes.

Cross drains will be put into the paths to catch water and reduce run off.

An offer of £11,765, which includes contingencies, has been received from the Leisure and Parks DSO.

- 6.3 In addition, and in order to improve access to Birkhill Cemetery, particularly from visitors using the bus service, a link footpath into the cemeteries from Coupar Angus Road is proposed.

An offer of £6,000, which includes contingencies, has been received from the Leisure and Parks DSO.

6.4 It is recommended that the Committee accept the offer of £17,765 from Leisure and Parks DSO for both works.

**7. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Directors of Support Services, Corporate Planning, Finance and Housing were all consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

Historic Scotland and Director of Planning and Transportation have also been consulted.

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**9. SIGNATURE**

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**Director of Leisure & Arts**

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**Date**