

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 16 December 2002**

**REPORT ON: Camperdown Country Park Stables**

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

**REPORT NO: 879-2002**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval from the Committee to investigate the feasibility of converting Camperdown Stables to provide a Cycle Centre within Camperdown Country Park.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee authorise the Director of Leisure & Arts to bring forward proposals for the conversion of Camperdown Stables to a Cycling for All facility, providing a base for a cycle hire outlet for use by the disabled along with the provision of disabled toilets.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 An award of £40,269 has been granted by Sports Lottery and £16,000 by Fresh Futures to provide staffing and accommodation for the hire of adapted bikes for the disabled.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The proposed extension to the Cycling for All at Camperdown Country Park will encourage people of all abilities to cycle. Many local groups and organisations could use the facilities, providing a local resource which people do not have to travel far to utilise.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Provision of a Cycling for All facility at Camperdown Country Park will mean that people of all abilities will have a recreational resource which they can use together. People with disabilities can cycle with able-bodied people

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure Services Committee of 17 December 2001 where agreement was given for BTCV to undertake path construction works in Camperdown Country Park to allow disabled bike usage. Also reference is made to Article V of the Leisure Services Committee of 26 April 2001 where the committee agreed to a lease agreement for Camperdown Riding Stables.

6.2 The lease agreement for Camperdown Riding Stables was never finalised and despite advertising in the local press, the Council has failed to find an operator for Camperdown Stables which have been unoccupied since 28 July 2000. The Leisure & Arts Department is currently not receiving any income for the stables but is responsible for the up keep and maintenance of the buildings.

6.3 The Department has obtained grant funding from Fresh Futures and the Sports Lottery Fund for the purchase of two adapted bikes and 20 standard bikes to be operated in Camperdown Country Park. The PAMIS Group has also given adapted bikes for disabled use in Camperdown Country Park. The Fresh Futures and Sports Lottery Funding also allows for staffing of the operation for nine months from Spring 2003 and offers the opportunity to provide a workshop and hire centre for both the adapted and standard bikes.

6.4 The Leisure & Arts Department therefore wishes to consider and cost the implications of housing the cycle hire centre in the Stable Block in Camperdown Country Park including the provision of an upgraded toilet suitable for accommodating disabled persons that can also be used by golfers.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Finance have all been consulted on the contents of the report and are in agreement.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Article IV Leisure Services Committee, 17 December 2001.

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