

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2004

DUNLOP AND LUGTON PARK ASSOCIATION – PROJECT UPDATE

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the project to transfer responsibility for the management of Dunlop Park to the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17th September 2003, the Committee approved, in principle, the transfer of management responsibility for Dunlop Park to the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association. Committee also considered this project at its meeting on 5th February 2004 and approved a revenue grant for the Association and further approved a Lease and Service Level Agreement with the Association.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Since the February meeting the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association has been successful in securing part of the funding package they require to redevelop and manage the park, however they have been unable to raise all the funds necessary. With this critical factor in mind the Association approached the Council to propose that their project should be implemented in two phases.
- 3.2 Under the Association's revised proposal, Phase One will see the completion of the new playpark and multi-sports area and Phase Two will improve drainage to the football pitch. The Council and the Association will continue to share responsibility for grounds maintenance work.
- 3.3 In order to secure the grant funding awarded to the Association, it was necessary to approve the revised proposal and amend the Lease to include only the section of Dunlop Park required for the new facilities and adjust the Service Level Agreement to reflect the revised project. These amendments were agreed by both parties and both the Lease and Service Level Agreement were in place to allow work to commence on site on 9th August 2004.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The level of revenue grant has been adjusted to take into account the August start for the project, a grant of £660 was paid to the Association in accordance with the Committee's decision of 5th February 2004.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 An appropriate Lease and Service Level Agreement have been put into place to protect Council and community interests in the Dunlop Park.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 By agreeing to the phased project proposal by the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association and adjusting the Lease and Service Level Agreement to take into account the revised proposals, the Council has ensured that the Association can draw down external funding and install a new playpark and multi-use sports area in Dunlop Park.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-
- i) note the changes to the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association's project;
 - ii) note the actions taken to amend both the Lease and the Service Level Agreement required to underpin the project; and
 - iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Lease
2. Service Level Agreement

Anyone wishing to inspect the background papers listed above, please contact John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services on 01563 576264.

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