

#### 4 PURCHASE OF FLORAL PLANTERS (AN10-2004)

The Department provide a number of floral hanging baskets, troughs and patio planters throughout the city for various Departments and other clients. The Department has been advised by the street lighting Department that lamp standards should not be used for hanging baskets unless tested every year. The Department recently trialed a number of suitable free standing planters on the Five Ways roundabout at the top of Hilltown and on the roundabout at Laird Street. The displays have met with favourable response from the public.

It is therefore proposed that in future free standing planters and hanging baskets be provided. These will be located strategically throughout the city after consultation with the appropriate Council Officials, on roundabouts, central reservations, roadside barriers and other hard standing areas in shopping and housing areas where they will not cause problems for traffic and pedestrian flows.

In order to extend these floral displays to a number of areas of the city, offers have been invited from specialist suppliers as detailed below:-

	<b>100 Barrier Containers</b>	<b>20 x 3 tier Planters</b>	<b>30 x square Planters</b>
Amberol Ltd, Derbyshire	£10,875	<u>£8,100</u>	£7,650
Plantscape Derbyshire	<u>£10,500</u>	£13,000	<u>£5,850</u>
L S Systems Ltd, Preston	£10,200	£8,660	£7,800

Proposed locations for 2004 include Lochee High Street and Bypass, Ferry Road and Queen Street, Broughty Ferry and the Murraygate, Nethergate and Perth Road in the City Centre.

It is proposed that a planned programme of similar purchases and locations throughout the city will be implemented over the next few years.

It is recommended that the offers as underlined above be accepted amounting to £8,100 from Amberol Ltd and £16,350 from Plantscape and that the total cost amounting to £24,450 be met from Dundee Contract Services 2003/04 Capital Estimates for Public Open Space improvements.