

6 MAGDALEN GREEN PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS (AN224-2014)

Reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19th August, 2013, wherein it was remitted to the Director of Environment to work in partnership with the Friends of Magdalen Green in seeking external funding and progressing the play improvements for Magdalen Green. The report also authorised a contribution of up to £10,000 capital funding from Dundee City Council in 2013/14, towards the improvement programme.

In conjunction with the Friends of Magdalen Green, finalised design proposals have been developed for the refurbishment and upgrading of the play park. The proposed works incorporate detailed landscaping, safety surfacing and upgrade and replacement of play equipment for all age groups as well as the provision of specialist equipment for ambulant disabled.

Commitments to external funding have been achieved through, Sport Scotland, Play Scotland Active Places Grant Award of £62,000, Friends of Magdalen Green have raised £60,000, Sustrans funding of £10,000. This in total provides external funding to the value of £132,000. In addition Sir Robert McAlpine has agreed to "in-kind" fund site clearance and preparation works to the value of £20,000.

The Chief Executive approved these works to be undertaken through the Roads Maintenance Service Partnering Agreement and a quotation of £160,000, has been obtained from Tayside Contracts, which includes the £20,000 "in-kind" site clearance works to be sub contracted to Sir Robert McAlpine. This has been checked to ensure rates present value for money. In addition an allowance of £14,500 for professional fees for the City Engineer's Division are required, giving an overall project cost of £174,500.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above costs can be met from the external funding of £152,000 together with the previously agreed allowance of £10,000 carried forward from 2013/14 and a further allowance of £12,500 to be met from the Environment Department's Budget, Playground Improvements, 2014/15.

It is recommended that the committee approves the improvement works and authorises the City Engineer to appoint Tayside Contracts to undertake these works.