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Reference is made to Article VI of the minute of the meeting of the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee of 28 June 2010, which remitted the Director of Leisure and Communities to work in partnership with a recognised Steering Group to take forward the creation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Baxter Park, subject to the acceptance that the development requires to be funded entirely externally. The design and specification was to be developed by the Council and the contract managed through the Council and delivered to the Council's satisfaction.

In conjunction with the Friends of Baxter Park, finalised design proposals have been developed and planning permission approved for the construction of a MUGA. Following a successful application to the Big Lottery by the Friends of Baxter Park, confirmation of external funding has been received by the group and a lease for the use of the ground has been agreed between the Council and the Friends of Baxter Park.

Offers have been obtained for carrying out the necessary works on behalf of the Friends of Baxter Park. These works are to be funded entirely through the lottery funding and the following offers, inclusive of VAT, agreed with the Big Lottery Fund:

HAGS SMP (Design and construction of MUGA)	£151,250.40
Tayside Contracts (Formation of temporary access)	£15,955.00
DC Lighting (Specialist floodlighting)	£16,234.20
Broxap Ltd (Supply of litter bins)	£1,292.40
Total Costs	£184,732.00

It is noted that 'in-kind' support has been provided by the Environment Department for the design and management of the project along with some associated proposed landscaping works. In addition to this 'in-kind' support, a financial contribution of £5,000 for fees, survey work and warrant application is required from Dundee City Council.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above contribution of £5,000 can be met from allowances within the Capital Plan 2014/15 for Environmental Improvements Parks and Open Spaces.

It is recommended that committee notes the progress made to date, authorises the letting of the above contracts on behalf of the Friends of Baxter Park and approves the contributions from Dundee City Council to the project.