

## **9. RIVERSIDE CLOSURE AND AFTERCARE PLAN, GAS MANAGEMENT AND COVER (AN35-2011)**

Reference is made to Item VI of the City Development Committee of the 28th September 2009 when the City Engineer was authorised to appoint Dundee Contract Services to carry out works necessary to create the Riverside Nature Park.

The main works are nearing completion and as the Nature Park project has progressed, discussions with SEPA have proved sufficiently positive to enable the issues associated with the Closure and Aftercare Plan to be advanced. In this regard works associated with the Closure and Aftercare Plan have been identified in the form of earthworks cover and gas management. These works represent a significant opportunity to resolve the disputed issues associated with the Closure and Aftercare Plan allowing both SEPA and DCC to conclude matters which are currently the subject of a Scottish Government appeals process.

Having secured the Chief Executive's agreement to extend the existing contract, the City Engineer obtained a quotation from Dundee Contract Services which demonstrated favourable rates for carrying out these works under the above contract.

The overall cost for the works amounts to £300,000 which includes provision for professional fees and contingencies broken down as £210,000 for the cover works and £90,000 for the gas management works. The Director of Finance advises that the expenditure can be met from the Waste Management Capital Budget for 2011/12 and the current VDLF budget.

In view of the timescales involved, this expenditure was approved by the Head of Waste Management following consultation with the Convener and Spokespersons for the other Groups.

The Committee is asked to note the foregoing for information.