

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 14th MARCH 2016

REPORT ON: FINTRY PARK PLAY AREA

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT NO: 104-2016

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for improvement works identified for Fintry Park, including the development of play and landscape works and the allocation of partial funding for these works.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- remits the Executive Director to work in partnership with Fintry Community Council in seeking external funding and progressing procurement for the implementation and construction of a new play area for the Park; and
- authorises a contribution of up to £20,000 from Dundee City Council towards the play improvement programme.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that £20,000 of the cost for undertaking the proposed improvements can be met from allowances within the Recreation, Culture, Arts & Heritage: Parks & Open Spaces (Environmental Improvements) section of the Capital Plan 2016-2021. Neighbourhood Services is working in partnership with the Fintry Community Council to secure the majority of funding.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Reference is made to Report No 573-2009 to the Leisure and Communities Committee of 7th December 2009 (Article I refers) where the Outdoor Play and Youth Strategy for the City was approved.
- 4.2 In conjunction with the Fintry Community Council, proposals are being developed in respect of a new NEAP – Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play. The proposed work will include landscaping, safety surfacing and a new palette of play items selected to a robust and exciting standard suitable for children of all ages. Sources of external funding have been secured as well as further bids submitted. Confirmed funders include the NHS Community Innovation Fund £16,000; Mushroom Trust £10,000; CRF Awards for All £43,000; Grant Charitable Trust £5,000, IBB Trust (Iliffes Booth Bennet) £2,000; and Lord Armistead's Trust £500 to help implement greatly needed play provision at this site.
- 4.3 Extensive community consultation has taken place with Fintry residents, through door knocking and gala days and sessions in the Finmill Community Centre. The design of the play area has been designed and adapted to be in line with community aspirations as much as possible.
- 4.4 The Committee is asked to approve the development of the play area and the Council's funding pledge of up to £20,000 towards the project, subject to external funding being awarded and to remit the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to work in

partnership with the Fintry Community Council. A further report will be brought to Committee for the procurement of these works following confirmation of external funding.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues at present.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Executive Director of City Development and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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