

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 9TH FEBRUARY, 2004

REPORT ON: Ancrum Outdoor Education Centre, Alterations
Extension to Contract
Contract Nr. 03-561

REPORT BY: City Architectural Services Officer

REPORT NO: 138-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain approval for extending the existing contract.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That approval be given for extending the existing contract and incurring estimated additional expenditure of approximately £58,000.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has stated that the additional expenditure can be funded by a transfer of funds to the Communities Capital Budget for 2003/2004 (£52,000) with the balance (£6,000) being met from the Communities Capital Planned Maintenance Budget for 2004/2005.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

6.1 Reference is made to Article VI of the minute of the meeting of Neighbourhood Resources and Development Committee held on 9th June, 2003 when expenditure of £176,000 was approved in respect of the above project and officers were authorised to negotiate a partnering contract with appropriate contractors and accept the most advantageous offer subject to a grant award from the New Opportunities Fund. Following this process, Muirfield (Contracts) Ltd were appointed to carry out the works.

6.2 At the time of the preparation of the original report it was envisaged that New Opportunities funding would be approved by the autumn and the project completed by the end of December 2003. Due to delays and confirmation of the funding being obtained, the project did not start until January 2004. Substantial wage increases from January 2004 for electrical and service trades have resulted in increased costs and additional works including timber rot treatment to the ski slope, installation of an induction loop and floor finishes in the stores are required. The anticipated cost of these works is estimated to be in the region of £58,000 inclusive of an allowance for professional services.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance and Support Services) and the Head of Communities have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

City Architectural Services Officer
28th January, 2004

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