

Report To: D S O Committee 14 January 2002

Report Title: Tender for the Supply and Erection of Polytunnels at Camperdown Nursery

Report By: Director of Leisure and Parks

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** To obtain approval to purchase, on a supply and erection basis, two polytunnels to be located within the DSO's Hardwood Nursery at Camperdown Park to replace two previous tunnels damaged by last winter's snow storms.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that two polytunnels be purchased on the above basis from Northern Polytunnels of Colne, Lancashire at a total cost of FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN POUNDS and EIGHTY FOUR PENCE (£14,919.84) excluding VAT.

3.0 Financial Implications

The required expenditure of £14,919.84 will be met by way of a £10,000 contribution from the Insurance Fund with the balance being met from revenue surpluses generated by the Leisure & Parks DSO, in the current financial year.

4.0 Local Agenda 21 Implications

None

5.0 Equal Opportunity Implications

None

6.0 Main Text

The D.S.O owns and maintains four polytunnels located at the glasshouses and hardwood nursery within Camperdown Park and utilised for the purposes of bedding plant production, hanging basket preparation and propagation of nursery stock.

At the beginning of the year all four tunnels were subject to different levels of structural damage through excessive snow loading. In one case the damage was so severe as to necessitate complete removal of the tunnel.

All other tunnels were damaged beyond reasonable economic repair and were required to be made safe through placement of temporary props.

In order for the production of plants to continue a replacement programme for the tunnels is required for which tenders have been invited from five specialist contractors to replace two of the damaged tunnels under Phase I. Despite all parties expressing

interest only two tenders were returned. Quotes received were as follows;

Northern Polytunnels Colne	- Supply and Installation (Per tunnel)	£7,459.92 ex. VAT
Clovis Lande Associates Ltd Tonbridge	Supply and Installation (Per tunnel)	£8,910.60 ex. VAT
National Polytunnels Ltd Preston		No Return
McGregor Polytunnels (Scotland) Killin		No Return
Polytunnels 2000 Ltd Knowsley		No Return

It is recommended that two Polytunnels be purchased under the terms of the tender for erection within the current financial year as a total cost of £14,919.84.

7.0 Consultations

Consultations have taken place with the Director of Finance on the financing of the tunnel.

8.0 Background Papers

Unless stated otherwise on the attached sheets, 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 this report.

9.0 Signature Director of Leisure & Parks

Date