

**ITEM No ...5.....**

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

**REPORT ON: ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO. 290-2020**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain Committee approval for further Environmental Improvements as part of the 2020/21 programme.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the projects below at:-

<b>Project Reference and Project Description</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Project No. C200016 Green Flag - Phase 2	Neighbourhood Services	£95,625	£16,875	£112,500
Project No. C200023 Hilltown Park (removal of monoliths)	Neighbourhood Services	£6324	£949	£7,273
Project No. C200014 Open Spaces Enhancements - Phase 3	Neighbourhood Services	£250,000	£37,500	£287,500
Project No. C200019 Playground Improvements	Neighbourhood Services	£13,000	£1,300	£14,300

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that funding for the above projects is available as detailed on the attached sheets.

**4. MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Reference is made to Item (V) of the Minute of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2015 Street Cleaning and Open Space Management review Report Number 438-2015, where there was agreement to introduce a programme of capital expenditure projects focused on environmental improvement. The proposed projects have been designed to improve and enhance the local environment for residents and members of the public across Dundee. Individual project details are outlined at Appendix 1 - Project Breakdown.

4.2 These projects have been developed in consultation with Community Officers and local groups and will comprise a number of improvements.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at [www.dundee.gov.uk/iia/reports](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/iia/reports).

**6. CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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**Appendix 1**

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<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>
<p>PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT</p> <p>PROJECT INFORMATION</p> <p>ESTIMATED START DATE COMPLETION DATE</p>	<p>C200016 <b>Green Flag Park Improvements - Phase 2</b></p> <p>Following internal and external Green Flag assessments, areas of improvement have been identified in conjunction with 'Friends' groups. The improvements shall continue to enhance our parks and green spaces to make them a safer and more attractive place to enjoy. Improvement works will be carried out in various parks which include: -</p> <p>Dawson Park: Improvements to fountain area to enhance features. Additional tree planting to connect existing panels and infilling of the path north of the bowling green.</p> <p>Camperdown Park: Improve culverts at west side of park due to ongoing vandalism. Access and egress across the path will in future be safer for users.</p> <p>Riverside Nature Park: Upgrading of sections of the path network. Also improvements to drainage and sightlines across the site including the removal of hedging.</p> <p>Caird Park – Sight line and path improvements at Den O Mains to enhance and improve the safety for users. Also, replacement of fence at yard to improve safety and aesthetically enhance the area.</p> <p>Templeton – Improve sections of path network due to ongoing flooding issues.</p> <p>Trottick Ponds – Improvements to sections of path due to flooding and general wear and tear. Replacement of safety wooden fencing with metal fence. Works to control pond weed/ plants to improve safety and promote biodiversity.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</p>	<p>C200023 <b>Hilltown Park</b></p> <p>The local community have requested the removal of five internal Monoliths within the park in order to reduce the cost of maintenance and open up two of the entrances on Caldrum Street. One area surface to be replaced with grass and the other to be a hardstanding area due to health and safety requirements.</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</p>
TOTAL COST	<p>Works £95,625 Fees £16,875 Total £112,500</p>	<p>Works £6,324 Fees £949 Total £7,273</p>
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	Updated Capital Plan 2020-25/Health, Care & Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (Spend to Save)	Updated Capital Plan 2020-25/Building Strong Communities - Non-Housing HRA element/Community Regeneration Fund
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None

TENDERS	Offer Price <b>Neighbourhood Services: £112,500</b>	Offer Price <b>Neighbourhood Services: £7,273</b>
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer	Acceptance of offer
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	None

<b>CLIENT</b>	<b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u></b>	<b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u></b>
PROJECT NUMBER	<b>C200014</b>	<b>C200019</b>
PROJECT	<b>Open Space Enhancements - Phase 3</b>	<b>Playground Improvements</b>
PROJECT INFORMATION	<p>It is proposed to implement a series of individual projects throughout the city improving and enhancing open spaces in all ward areas. Improvements shall incorporate re-contouring, new planting and upgrading of shrub areas and tree plantations. This shall also include infrastructure improvements such as signage, litter bins and benches and new planting of suitable tree specimens. Upon completion of works, the following areas will be visually and environmentally enhanced: Craigie St car park, Malcolm St, Peebles Dr ,St Matthews Lane, Taybank, Sandeman St, Seabraes embankment, Harefield Rd, Riverside Dr, Inchkeith Pl, Kirk St, Buttars Pl, Moncur Cresc, Dalclaverhouse, Summerfield Gdns, Dochart Tce, Marybank Lane, Dryburgh Sheltered Housing, Fithie/ Dighty Burn and various shrub beds citywide. Examples of proposed works are outlined below:</p> <p>St Matthews Lane – Removal of old play area and make area safe by creating a hardstanding area that can be used in the future. A later project phase will propose new play equipment to enhance play in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Malcolm Street – Renewal of benches and bins, upgrade soft landscaping with additional planting and improve sight lines.</p> <p>Taybank – Improvements include the removal of a substantial area of mature hedging which shall be replaced with a redesigned shrub bed area following further consultation with residents.</p> <p>Fithie/ Dighty Burn - Sight line improvements to make this well used area safer and more accessible for users by remediating soft landscaped areas and undertaking works which help reduce the potential of flooding risk.</p> <p>City wide shrub planting- Improve existing shrub bed areas across the city with additional planting to enhance sites. It is also proposed to carry out a mulching programme to reduce future weed growth and visually improve our parks and open spaces.</p>	<p>Carry out playground improvements to several play areas throughout the city. Works mainly to include new surfacing along with equipment enhancement. These works will address ongoing health and safety issues and will aesthetically improve the sites. Sites include Keswick Terrace, Kirkton Hillocks, Foggyley, Spey Drive, Beechwood, Cobden Street, Fintry Drive, Mill O Mains, Ballindean Road, Claypotts, and Marlee Road.</p>

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BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	Updated Capital Plan 2020-25/Health, Care & Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (Spend to Save)	Updated Capital Plan 2020-25/Health, Care & Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (Playground Improvements)
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None
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RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer	Acceptance of offer
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