

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee 19 April 2004**

**REPORT ON: Dundee City Square Floral Displays – Phase 2**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts**

**REPORT NO: 300-2004**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To gain approval of the actual costs to purchase 3-tier planters (with timber cladding to bases to match existing timber in the square), hanging baskets and window boxes under the Phase Two improvements to Floral Displays in the City Square.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the following offers are accepted  
Plantscape Ltd, £27,298.85  
David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd, £2,942.00  
and that a contingency sum of £1,759.15 be included for installation of the steel window boxes.
- 2.2 It is recommended that these improvements to the floral displays in the City Square will be implemented to coincide with the planting out of the summer bedding in mid. May 2004.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The total capital cost of the Phase 2 improvements to the City Square is £32,000. Scottish Enterprise Tayside has provisionally committed £12,000 to these costs (subject to final approval). The balance of £20,000 can be contained within the Quality of Life funding in 2004/05.  
If Scottish Enterprise Tayside funding is not confirmed, a reduced scheme without the proposed timber cladding to the bases of the 3-tier planters will be implemented.
- 3.2 It is confirmed that the ongoing maintenance implications of the Phase 2 improvements will be financed from existing Leisure and Arts Department revenue budgets.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Plantscape Ltd have confirmed that timber proposed for the cladding to the bases of the 3-tier planters is only sourced from sustainable and replanted managed forests.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

### **6 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 These works form Phase Two of the improvements to Floral Displays in the City Square.

- 6.2 **Phase One** replaced the pot-bound trees and installed deeper, insulated, steel tree planters to the square (refer to Leisure and Arts Services Committee Report No. 130 of 16 February 2004).

**Phase Two** includes for the purchase of 3-tier planters (with timber cladding to bases coloured to match the existing timber in the square), hanging basket pairs to existing ornate lamp posts and steel window boxes to match the existing design.

The floral display improvements will be seasonal and will only be placed in the square when the containers are full of flowers and will be removed from the square at the end of the summer before the flowers are past their best.

- 6.3 The following suppliers were invited to tender for the works.

**Supplier:**

Hanging baskets, window box inserts and 3-tier planters

Amberol £17,158.00 (excl. timber cladding to planter bases)

Plantscape Ltd £15,633.85 (excl. timber cladding to planter bases)

Plantscape Ltd £11,665.00 (cost for timber cladding to planter bases)

Steel window boxes (to match existing design)

David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd £2,942.00

P & G Blacksmiths £5,210.00

The quotes were arithmetically checked and were found to be correct.

- 6.4 The Plantscape quote is recommended for acceptance as the timber cladding to the 3-tier planters is purpose made to fit their design and provide a more attractive base which would be in keeping with the existing red stained wood seating in the square.

The David Ogilvie quote was deemed to be fair and reasonable and is also recommended for acceptance.

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Copies of the visualisation of the revised proposals have been supplied to Group Secretaries and in the Members' Lounge.
- 8.2 Also refer to Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 16 February 2004 (Report No. 130-2004 )

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