

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 11 June 2007

REPORT ON: Templeton Woods All Abilities Arts Trail

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for the implementation of the Templeton Woods All Abilities Arts Trail project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 approves the Templeton Woods All Abilities Arts Trail Project.

2.2 accepts the grant of £7,043 from Scottish Natural Heritage.

2.3 remits the Director of Leisure and Communities to submit a tender report to the August Committee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of the project will be £12,330.00. £7,043 will be funded by a grant from Scottish Natural Heritage. The balance of £5,287 will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2007/08 Capital Budget.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

The project will use sustainable methods where possible in its implementation. The project will increase leisure and access opportunities within Templeton Woods which will in turn encourage healthy living, walking and cycling. It will also provide citizens and visitors the opportunity to access Dundee's natural heritage.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

External funding has been granted for the project allowing it to be taken forward.

The project will cover a number of anti-poverty principles. Local volunteers will assist the Countryside Ranger Service in tasks such as laying the new path. This will help them to gain skills which may develop their employment prospects.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The project aims to tackle equal opportunity issues by creating a new path which will enable people of all physical abilities to access the sculpture trail, helping to make Dundee a more family-friendly and barrier free city.

In developing the project target groups, in particular the Dundee Access Group, have been consulted and involved.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005 when approval was given for Dundee's Outdoor Access Strategy.

An action plan of projects to be taken forward over a 5 year period was contained within this strategy. The Templeton Woods All Abilities Access Project was outlined within this action plan.

6.2 An informal trail between the Templeton Woods Visitor Centre and the Green Circular route links a number of sculptures created by community groups. Currently this informal trail is not accessible to all visitors to the woodland. A new path is required to be constructed along the 250m stretch between the visitor centre the Green Circular and improve accessibility to the sculptures. This would create a short circular loop via the visitor centre and car park that is accessible to all. The project aims to encourage more people to visit Templeton Woods and increase enjoyment of the woodland for everyone, to build a sense of ownership of the woodlands to the community groups who work on the project and to provide spaces for wildlife within the new structures.

6.3 The project will create a new trail, a sculptural seating area using drystone dyke building techniques and update the existing sculptures. Materials and machinery will be sourced from suppliers and contractors. The majority of the work will be undertaken by local community groups working alongside Countryside Rangers and Artists. Work will be overseen and quality checked by the Landscape Design Team.

6.4 Breakdown of costs:

Project costs	£8,279
Artists fees	£1,000
Landscape Design Team fees	£1,975
Contingencies	£1,076

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005.

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