

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Committee - 16 June 2003

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan - Tender for Phase 2 Arboricultural Works

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 381- 2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Cut Above Specialist Tree Services to undertake the Phase 2 Arboricultural Works in Baxter Park as part of the park's Restoration Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 accept the offer of £7,797.00 from Cut Above Specialist Tree Services for the Phase 2 Arboricultural Works
- 2.2 approve a 5% contingency sum of £389.85 to be added to the project sum giving a total cost of £8,186.85

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The landscape refurbishment works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Arts Department.

The total cost of the Baxter Park Restoration project is £3,558,000 and will be funded as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund	2,839,000
Historic Scotland	275,000
Web project	<u>10,000</u>
	£3,124,000
Leisure & Arts Department	
Capital Budget 2001/02 – 2006/07	<u>434,000</u>
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

The expenditure detailed in this report will be met from the above

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The restoration of Baxter Park will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also confirm that diversity of nature is valued and protected and that local needs are met locally. It will also make sure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 Every opportunity will be taken within the Baxter Park Restoration Plan to make it a more family friendly and barrier free city park.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The tender is for Phase 2 of the Tree Works in Baxter Park which includes the removal of a Leylandii hedge, general tree crowning, thinning and pruning throughout the park and removal of diseased or dying trees .

- 6.2 Four contractors were invited to tender for the Phase 2 Arboricultural Works.

Contractor	Tender price	Price after checking
Cut Above Specialist Tree Services	£6,807.00	£7,797.00
Dundee Contract Services	£10,668.57	£10,668.57
Garden of Eden Tree Care Ltd	£17,989.25	£17,989.25
Arboretum Internationiale Ltd	£18,260.00	£18,260.00

After checking, Cut Above Specialist Tree Services were found to have an inaccuracy in their tender. They were informed of this and their tender revised accordingly. All other tenders were accurate after checking.

- 6.3 A 5% contingency sum of £389.85 is recommended due to the nature of the work being arboricultural and the likelihood that when the tree surgeons undertake the work on site the requirements for additional tree work will arise.

- 6.4 The committee is recommended to approve Cut Above Specialist Tree Services as the lowest tender and as a fair and reasonable offer.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Finance and Director of Support Services have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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30 MAY 2003