

REPORT TO: Dundee Contract Services Committee - Monday, 15 August 2005
Leisure and Arts Services Committee - Monday, 22 August 2005

REPORT ON: Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme and Woodlands in and Around Towns

REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services and Director of Leisure and Arts

Report No. 440 - 2005

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Committee approval for receipt of grant aid from the Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme and Woodlands in and Around Towns Bid for the care of Dundee's urban woodlands over the next five years.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to approve:-

- 2.1 Acceptance of the Grant Aid from the Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme (SFGS).
- 2.2 Acceptance of the Grant Aid from Woodlands in and Around Towns (WIAT).
- 2.3 Instruct the officers from Dundee Contract Services, Finance and the Leisure and Arts Departments to administer the project and to carry out the proposed works over the next five years as detailed in the attached Appendix.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding amounting to £387,881 from the Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme (SFGS) and £96,081 from Woodlands in and Around Towns (WIAT) over the next five years has been approved by the funding agencies.
- 3.2 The Council's contribution for administration of this programme will be funded from Dundee Contract Services Revenue Estimates.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed works will ensure that resources in the city's urban woodlands are used efficiently and waste is minimised. All tree prunings and trees felled will be recycled in some form for re use in the council's activities.
- 4.2 The care and planting of trees will contribute to reducing the effects of pollution throughout the city.

- 4.3 The care and planting of trees will provide a protected and wide diversity of plant and animal life in the city's parks and open spaces.
- 4.4 The proposals outlined are as a result of public and community participation, which will be extended into public and community involvement in the care and planting of trees and community woodlands.
- 4.5 The woodlands will provide a safe, clean and pleasant environment for cultural, leisure and recreational pursuits.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed works will provide opportunities on a number of issues for interested groups and communities.

6. MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 A bid for SFGS and WIAT has been submitted for trees and woodlands in the city's parks and open spaces to carry out maintenance and new plantings over a five-year period. The proposals largely relate to maintaining and increasing tree care, promoting the recreational use of woodlands where appropriate and promoting community understanding and stewardship of trees, with some new plantings to help green the city.
- 6.2 The funding will contribute to the ongoing regeneration of the city and the proposed works are consistent with the Local Plan, Dundee's Open Space Strategy, the Tayside Biodiversity Strategy, community regeneration, public access and environmental initiatives.
- 6.3 The programme will be administered by officers from Dundee Contract Services, Finance and Leisure and Arts Departments and the tree works will be carried out by Dundee Contract Services, Forestry Section in consultation with various community groups.
- 6.4 The works include tree felling and pruning, new tree planting, recycling of waste, removal of litter and debris and encouraging groups to participate in the maintenance of the city's trees and woodland. Improvement works to woodland footpaths, signage, car parking to encourage greater access for recreational purposes are also included in the applications for funding.
- 6.5 A summary of the 5 year financial plan is as follows:-

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total
1. SFGS	£93,887	£129,268	£98,904	£31,171	£34,651	£387,881
2. WIAT	£25,075	£47,159	£23,847	-	-	£96,081
3. DCC Contribution	£33,000	£33,000	£27,000	£27,000	£25,000	£145,000
Total	£151,962	£209,427	£149,751	£58,171	£59,651	£628,962

The DCC contribution will be met from Dundee Contract Services administration costs included in the Revenue Estimates.

- 6.6 Funding of £6692 has already been received from SFGS in 2004/05 for preparation of this 5 year plan.

7. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Director of Planning and Transportation have been consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Date: 19 JULY 2005

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APPENDIX

**5 YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN
URBAN WOODLANDS - SFGS & WIAT GRANT AID**

Location	2005/06		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09		2009/10		Totals
	Sfgs	WIAT	Sfgs	WIAT	Sfgs	WIAT	Sfgs	WIAT	Sfgs	WIAT	
Balgay Hill	£2,880.00	£135.00	£2,880.00	£135.00	£15,436.80	£1,269.40	£2,880.00		£2,880.00		£28,496.20
Belmont Estate	£18,225.04		£9,071.40		£3,959.40		£3,959.40		£3,959.40		£39,174.64
Caird Park	£270.00	£2,135.00	£270.00	£2,135.00	£4,906.80	£6,530.80	£270.00		£270.00		£16,787.60
Camperdown Park	£26,550.60	£12,821.80	£16,164.00	£15,462.20	£2,754.00	£2,135.00	£2,754.00		£4,412.52		£83,054.12
Law Hill	£9,556.80	£773.10	£1,986.00	£135.00	£1,986.00	£135.00	£1,986.00		£1,986.00		£18,543.90
South Road Park	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00	£135.00	£1,006.20	£1,269.40	£675.00		£675.00		£5,245.60
Templeton Woods	£12,660.30	£4,485.00	£38,943.10	£21,119.40	£21,578.40	£3,938.45	£4,950.00		£4,950.00		£112,624.65
Middleton Community Woodland	£3,575.00	£2,835.00	£16,978.50	£2,702.20	£3,575.00	£2,135.00	£3,575.00		£3,575.00		£38,950.70
Middleton Wood East	£675.00	£135.00	£1,891.80	£631.30	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00		£675.00		£5,493.10
Riverside Nature Park	£756.00	£135.00	£756.00	£135.00	£5,580.00	£560.40	£756.00		£756.00		£9,434.40
Reres Park	£2,304.00	£135.00	£3,843.00	£135.00	£4,749.30	£241.35	£2,223.00		£2,223.00		£15,853.65
Riverside Park East	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00	£135.00	£1,510.20	£205.90	£675.00		£675.00		£4,686.10
Dawson Park	£270.00	£135.00	£270.00	£135.00	£5,414.40	£524.95	£270.00		£810.00		£7,829.35
Clatto Park	£10,404.40	£135.00	£10,236.60	£773.10	£1,112.40	£135.00	£1,112.40		£2,393.64		£26,302.54
Dighty Valley - Trottick	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00	£135.00	£8,582.00	£879.45	£675.00		£675.00		£12,431.45
Dighty Valley - Mill O Mains & Fin	£675.00	£135.00	£5,391.00	£1,411.20	£2,925.00	£135.00	£675.00		£675.00		£12,022.20
Dighty Valley - Drumgeith	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00	£135.00	£7,404.30	£2,084.75	£675.00		£675.00		£12,459.05
Dighty Valley - West Pitkerro	£675.00	£135.00	£8,062.20	£737.65	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00		£675.00		£11,769.85
Dighty Valley - Arbroath Road	£360.00	£135.00	£360.00	£135.00	£1,808.40	£383.15	£360.00		£360.00		£3,901.55
Dighty Valley - Panmuirefield	£675.00	£135.00	£4,221.00	£135.00	£2,590.20	£879.45	£675.00		£675.00		£9,985.65
Menzieshill Open Spaces	£675.00	£135.00	£5,243.40	£702.20	£675.00	£135.00	£675.00		£675.00		£8,915.60
Totals	£93,887.14	£25,074.90	£129,268.00	£47,159.25	£98,903.80	£23,847.45	£31,170.80		£34,650.56		£483,961.90
DCC Management & Administration Costs	£33,000.00		£33,000.00		£27,000.00		£27,000.00		£25,000.00		£145,000.00
TOTALS	£151,962.04		£209,427.25		£149,751.25		£58,170.80		£59,650.56		£628,961.90