

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee 23 August 2004**

**REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements Phase V**

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

**REPORT NO: 558-2004**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek committee approval to appoint Dundee Contract Services to undertake Phase V of the Play Area Improvements Programme.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee agree:

- 2.1 to proceed on the basis of partnership and acceptance of Dundee Contract Services as the partnering contractor for the Play Area Improvements Phase V up to an Agreed Maximum Price of £191,811.58.
- 2.2 to contingencies of £18,188.42 plus Technical Fees of £15,000.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The total cost of £225,000 can be met from the Leisure and Arts Capital Budget 2004/2005 including Quality of Life Funds of £75,000.

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

- 4.1 Where possible play equipment will be refurbished and re-instated. Equipment that is beyond repair can be used for spare parts. This will ensure that removal of the play equipment does not create a problem of excessive disposal of materials and the environmental implications that may result.
- 4.2 All materials will be sourced from renewable resources where possible. Safety surfacing will be of recycled material.
- 4.3 The resulting play areas after refurbishment will be a safe and secure local asset to Dundee.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The refurbished Play Areas will be integrated as far as possible to ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the facility and enjoy a fulfilling play environment.
- 5.2 Play facilities will be provided to interest children and young people of all ages.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 19 April 2004 when members agreed to the play areas being upgraded under Phase V of the Play Areas Improvement Programme.

6.2 The Committee is recommended to accept Dundee Contract Services as the partnering contractor for Play Area Improvements Phase V due to their previous expertise on Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the play area improvements programme and their knowledge as the main maintenance contractor for these sites.

6.3 Phase V Play Area Improvements includes new safety surfacing, fencing where required, installation of new play equipment or removal of old play equipment where appropriate and painting and refurbishment of equipment where necessary to the following play areas:

Derwent Avenue (The Hillocks)  
Fairbairn Street Play Area  
Foggyley Place  
Mill O' Mains Park Play Area  
Milnbank Play Area  
Stirling Street Play Area (Rosebank)

6.4 The project is being carried out under Dundee City Council's Partnering Guidelines for Construction Work.

6.5 The cost for the project includes for the following

▪ Construction Works	£191,881.58
▪ Contingencies	£ 18,188.42
▪ Fees	£ 15,000.00
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Total	£225,000.00

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

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

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 The following Background Papers were relied upon in the preparation of this Report: Article IV of the Leisure Services Committee of 19 April 2004.

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