

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 8 December 2008

REPORT ON: Outdoor Access Improvement Works

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 630-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report is to approve tenders for Outdoor Access Improvement Works targeted at the Green Circular route, the City's parks and Broughty Ferry Dunes.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the quotations submitted by T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd for Green Circular Improvements and Cycle Parking in the amount of £24,782 and Willow and Woods Ltd for Broughty Ferry Dunes Access Improvements in the amount of £1,322.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This expenditure totalling £26,104 can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2008/09 Capital Budget of which £50,000 is targeted towards Outdoor Access Improvements, £45,000 for Green Circular Improvements and £5,000 for Broughty Ferry Dunes Access.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004, which allows for ongoing improvements to the Green Circular and improving access to it, and to Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005 when approval was given for Dundee's Outdoor Access Strategy. The proposed improvement works are to be carried out in line with this strategy.

4.2 A recent audit of the Green Circular route highlighted a number of areas where upgrading work is required to maintain the standard of the route. This area in most need of work this year is the section in the north of Camperdown Country Park, where the surface of the path has become badly eroded. Proposed works to bring this section of the route up to standard will involve resurfacing this path with whindust.

4.3 To encourage more people to cycle more often for environmental and health benefits it is recognised that facilities need to be in place to support this. It has been noted that many of the city's parks do not have cycle parking facilities which would encourage people to cycle to the parks to spend time there. Sites for cycle parking will include Dawson Park, Stobsmuir Park, Fairmuir Park, Broughty Ferry Local Nature Reserve, Caird Park, Lochee Park, Victoria Park, Balgay Hill and Templeton Woods Visitor Centre.

4.5 It is intended to carry out improvements to access along the dunes at Broughty Ferry in collaboration with Broughty Ferry Environmental Project. This will include the creation of a pathway through the dunes marked out by willow weave fencing. A small area will be used as a trial phase with a view to extending this along the dune system and

replacing the existing dune fencing.

- 4.6 Tender documentation was sent to eight companies and seven were returned as detailed in Appendix 1.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report:
Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004
Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005

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Green Circular Improvements and Cycle Parking

Resurfacing the north west path in Camperdown Country Park and providing cycle parking facilities in 10 city parks

Company	Tender Amount
Dundee Contract Services 353 Clepington Road Dundee DD3 8PL	£28,809
T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd Gilliesfaulds Farm Cupar Fife KY15 4HX	£24,782
John D Minto & partners Ltd Civil Engineers Sidlo Backmuir of Liff Muirhead Dundee DD2 5QT	no return
Tayside Contracts Contracts House 1 Soutar Street Dundee DD3 8SS	£25,258

Broughty Ferry Dunes Access Improvements

Creation of pathways marked out by willow-weave fencing

Company	Tender Amount
Woodland Craft Supplies Ltd 25 Castlebank Gardens Cupar Fife KY15 4DA	£5,042
Scottish Willow Ltd Vericho Culsalmond Insch AB52 6XB	£3,950
Willow and Wood Ltd 4 the Row Eriochedhu Blairgowrie PH10 7PE	£1,322
Sustainable Designs and Crafts Ltd Lamdoughty Farm Loch Doon By Dalmellington Ayrshire KA6 7QE	£1,309

No back up support information of examples of work to be achieved