

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 20 January 2003

REPORT ON: Ardler, Camperdown and Northern Countryside Routes – Paths for all Initiative

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 73-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to undertake three path projects as part of Dundee's Paths for All Initiative.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

2.1 the Committee approves the offer from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, to undertake three path projects at a cost of £48,514.62. These works are to be undertaken as part of a partnering agreement with Dundee City Council.

2.2 further allowances for fees and contingencies are approved to the amount of £7,485.38 giving an overall expenditure of £56,000.00

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of the project is £56,000.00 and can be funded as follows: _____

| | 2002 - 03 | 2003 - 04 |
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| Scottish Natural Heritage | £ 6,500 | - |
| Scottish Enterprise Tayside | £25,000 | £4,500 |
| Scottish Executive | £20,000 | - |
| | £51,500 | £4,500 |
| Total cost | £56,000 | |

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The proposal to undertake the recommendations will be advantageous to walkers, cyclists and horseriders throughout the City. Providing access to routes and enhancing the environment for such users is sustainable, as it results in less people having to travel by private transport to work or for recreation.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposal aims to enhance the routes throughout the City offering affordable sustainable transport alternatives. This will especially benefit people without access to a car. The proposal will be socially inclusive by encouraging groups and individuals to become involved.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to the Leisure Services Committee of 20 September 1999, Agenda Item I, when approval was given for Dundee's Paths for All Initiative and its four year Action Plan.

6.2 As part of last years programme, BTCV were appointed after competitive tender to undertake works in and around Camperdown Country Park. Part of this work involved trials in the use of recycled aggregates in path construction. These trials form part of a three year Pilot Programme funded separately by BIFFA Waste Services Ltd and Scottish Enterprise Tayside. BTCV displayed a positive attitude to the trials and overcame several difficulties – without additional payment.

6.3 The three projects in this years programme are also part of trials. It is recommended that a partnering agreement is entered into with BTCV in respect of the three projects to allow trials to be taken forward in the same spirit of collaboration and price certainty.

6.4 A combined price has been negotiated with BTCV for the three projects. The price includes their time consulting landowners and agreeing details of the projects, and liaison with consultants undertaking the trial programme.

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| 6.4.1 | Clatto Reservoir to Templeton Woods – Path Upgrades | |
| | The widening of the existing path and the conversion of the verge into a bridleway at a cost of | £2,579.06 |
| | Associated signage improvements at a cost of | £ 120.00 |
| | The upgrading of an existing path at a cost of | <u>£8,188.08</u> |
| | Total | <u>£10,887.14</u> |

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| 6.4.2 | Ardler to Camperdown Park – Path Upgrade | |
| | The upgrading of this existing route at a cost of | £6,262.48 |
| | The supply and installation of a roadside pedestrian barrier panel at a cost of | £ 165.00 |
| | Associated signage improvements at a cost of | <u>£1,200.00</u> |
| | Total | <u>£7,627.48</u> |

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| 6.4.3 | Northern Countryside Route – Path Upgrade/Path Creation | |
| | Improvements and/or creation of routes providing improved access to the countryside to the north-east of the city, at a cost of £30,000. Additional consultation is included in the cost. Specific routes to be decided pending site investigations. | |
| | Total | £30,000.00 |

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| 6.4.4 | The total cost of the project is: | |
| | Camperdown/Clatto/Ardler Construction works | £18,514.62 |
| | Northern Countryside Routes Construction works | £30,000.00 |
| | Fees and contingencies | <u>£ 7,485.38</u> |
| | Total Cost | <u>£56,000.00</u> |

6.5 The path creation and improvements at all three sites will encourage and provide the opportunity for local residents to get out and about in their neighbourhood parks and countryside. Associated signage works will help people to navigate around the routes and further encourage use. The installation of the pedestrian barrier will increase route safety.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Planning and Transportation have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement with it's contents.
- 7.2 The Clatto Reservoir to Templeton Woods route and the Ardler to Camperdown Park route, formed part of a Community Consultation in 2001, which identified user groups that currently use the paths or wanted access to them.
- 7.3 BTCV, under a previous contract, have consulted with land-owning interests at the Camperdown Park and Clatto Reservoir sites. Further consultation is to take place at the Northern Countryside site.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Article I, Leisure Services Committee, 20 September 1999

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