

# DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 18 November 2002**

**REPORT ON: City Parks Improvements**

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

**REPORT NO: 754-2002**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for Dundee Contract Services to undertake improvements to Lochee Park including the parks entrance, signage and seating areas.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer from Dundee Contract Services for improvement works to Lochee Park of £35,702.40 along with £1,700 for contingencies and £4,000 for professional fees be accepted as fair and reasonable.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of £41,402.40 can be met from the provision in 2002/2003 Leisure and Arts Department Capital Budget.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any materials removed which are suitable for re-use will be used in other locations.
- 4.2 All materials have been sourced from renewable resources where possible
- 4.3 The proposals will encourage the community to make greater use of the park and create a sense of pride in the park.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The improvements have been designed to ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the facilities of the parks.

## **6 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The proposed refurbishment works to the entrance of Lochee Park are designed to provide a welcoming and user friendly first impression to the park. This is seen as the first phase of a programme of works to make improvement to the city's parks. New planting beds are proposed to provide seasonal interest and revitalise the entrance. Proposed seating and display cases will provide the public with an area to sit and enjoy views of the park while providing information of events, forthcoming attractions and the park in general. Metal trip rails are proposed with repainting and replacement of existing bollards to prevent encroachment by cars on to the grass and shrub areas.

6.2 It is recommended that the Committee accept the offer from Dundee Contract Services of £35,702.40 as being fair and reasonable and advantageous to the City Council. Provision for contingencies of £1,700 and professional fees of £4,000 is also recommended.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning and Director of Finance were all consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None

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