

REPORT TO: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 17 DECEMBER 2001

REPORT ON: CAMPERDOWN COUNTRY PARK, WILDLIFE CENTRE – OTTER ENCLOSURE – IMPROVEMENTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND PARKS

REPORT NO: 804-2001

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval to carry out improvement works to the Otter Enclosure at Camperdown Country Park, Wildlife Centre.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer received from T & N Gilmartin to carry out the improvement works amounting to £19,954.30, including contingencies, be accepted.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This expenditure of £20,000 can be met from the Leisure & Parks Department 2001/02 Capital Budget.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

All materials have been sourced from renewable resources where possible.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

The works will as far as possible ensure that adults and children will be able to see the Otters in a sympathetic environment with the creation of a new water feature

6 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The proposed works include the erection of a water feature and new fence partitions.

- 6.2 The work is necessary because of the need to constantly refill the existing pond with water which disturbs the otters and the public's enjoyment of them.

The work includes the development of a stream and pool and splitting the enclosure in two with a chainlink fence to facilitate the breeding of the otters, and to provide more play opportunities for them. All work will be carried out in a sympathetic manner to the location.

- 6.3 5 Contractors were asked to Tender of which 2 returned

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>	<u>Checked Amount</u>
T & N Gilmartin	£19,954.30	£19,954.30
D J Laing	£23,785.29	£23,785.33
J D Minto & Partners	No return	No return
Land & Building Services	No return	No return
Robert A Muir Contractors Ltd	No return	No return

The lowest tender after arithmetical checking was £19,954.30 from T & N Gilmartin which the Committee is recommended to accept.

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CONSULTATION

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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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SIGNATURE

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Director of Leisure & Arts

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Date