

# **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 16 December 2002**

**REPORT ON: Mills Observatory Development**

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

**REPORT NO: 877-2002**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To obtain committee approval for Capital Expenditure

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 Approval to proceed is recommended on the basis that procurement of consultants, contractors and suppliers will be via competitive tendering where a market for such exists, or from specialist suppliers as appropriate, in line with Best Value procedures.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The capital requirement for this project during the current financial year (2002/03) is £14,000 of which £13,000 is contained within the Leisure and Arts Department Capital Estimates 2002/2003. An additional £1,000 is available from donated monies.

## **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 This project supports the principle 'opportunities, leisure and recreation are available to all'.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The improvements to the Mills Observatory will widen opportunities for Lifelong Learning and Education for all.

5.2 Disabled access to the ground floor of the Observatory will be provided by the end of the project (December 2003) and telescope viewing facilities provided at ground floor level for visitors with impaired mobility.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 The Department has been notified that it has been successful in its bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and has been awarded a grant of £50,000 towards total project costs of £101,000.

6.2 The areas of spending in the current financial year necessary to undertake the first part of

the project as approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund are as follows:

	£
Light and Telescopes display	6,480
Solar System display	925
Balcony displays	1,400
Screen	195
Architectural design work etc	2,000
Data Projector	2,175
Contingency	<u>825</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,000</b>

6.3 This initial phase of the project will involve preparatory work for the Mills Observatory project and will allow work to commence on displays which use the data projector – including live television images from the Observatory’s telescopes.

6.4 Procurement of contractors and suppliers will be via competitive tendering or offers from specialist suppliers as appropriate where a market for such exists

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services and Director of Planning have been consulted on this report.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

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