

## **2 SOUTH ROAD SKATEPARK (AN19-2015)**

Reference is made to Article 1 of the minute of the meeting of the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee of 7 December 2009, which approved the adoption of the Dundee Partnership Outdoor Play and Youth Area Strategy as a framework for the management of Dundee's outdoor play and youth area provision. This Strategy identified gaps in the equipped play provision in Menzieshill, Charleston and Lochee and recommended the relocation and improvement of South Road Park play area as a NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play) near to the Multi Use Games Area at Lynch Sports Centre. The Dundee Partnership Lochee Local Community Plan also identified a need for play areas to be improved and enhanced.

Consultation was undertaken with local young people who identified a need for a locally attractive skate park. Working in partnership with the young people, Council officers have formed a design brief. Specialist skatepark design companies were asked to prepare costed designs according to the brief, this skatepark will form the first phase of the development of South Road Park.

Funding has also been identified for the second phase of the development at the site which will deliver an equipped play space. This will be subject of a further report to committee in the near future.

Proposals were invited for a fixed price tender from three specialist companies for the design and construction of South Road Park Local Skate Park. The tenders are based upon the terms and conditions of ESPO framework agreement ref 115 for the Supply and Provision of Playground Equipment to Dundee City Council Environment Department. An offer was received from Bendcrete Leisure Ltd, Abingdon, Oxfordshire for £58,333. In addition an allowance of £5,500 has been made for fees and contingencies giving a total cost of £63,833. This offer and proposals have been approved by SportScotland and has been subject to further consultation with local young people.

Following a successful funding application to the Sports Scotland Legacy 2014, Active Places Fund, Dundee City Council were awarded a grant of £35,000 for the design and construction of the skate park. The Director of Corporate Services advises that the overall costs can be met from the Active Places Grant of £35,000 and the balance of £28,833 from allowances within the Capital Plan 2015/16 for Environmental Improvements Parks and Open Spaces.

It is recommended that Committee approve the acceptance of the offer from Bendcrete Leisure Ltd and authorises the Director of Environment to progress with these works.