4 PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND HOUSING LANDSCAPE AREAS - ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS (AN366-2006)

It is proposed to carry out environmental improvements at a number of sites in the city.

The following sites have been selected and costed as follows:-

1.	FORFAR ROAD/FINAVON STREET - removal of overgrown shrubs around footbridge over the main Forfar road carriageway and grass the areas -	Estimated cost £7,840
2.	TAYBANK FLORAL DISPLAY - returfing and redesigning of the flower beds, provision of planters and hanging baskets and seating to enhance the display for the city's entry to Scotland in Bloom -	Estimated cost £18,867
3.	ARBROATH ROAD SEATING AREA - provision of planters and hanging baskets -	Estimated cost £4,806
4.	MILL PARK HOUSING OPEN SPACES - improvements to paths, shrub and tree pruning, new plantings, benches and trip rails -	Estimated cost £10,425
5.	LAW HILL - repairs to steps on public footpaths -	Estimated cost £8,062
	Total	£50,000

The proposals will aid future landscape maintenance by reducing revenue costs as well as enhancing the amenity of the areas.

The estimated cost of these works are £50,000 and can be met from the provision of £60,000 allowed for Public Open Spaces under the Department's Capital Estimates for 2006/2007.

It is recommended that these works are carried out by Dundee Contract Services at an estimated cost of £50,000.