

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee 16 February 2004

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan/Tender For Path Realignments, Seating and Bins - Phase 2

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To gain approval for T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd to undertake the Path Realignments and installation of seating and bins, under PhaseTwo of the Baxter Park Restoration Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the revised offer from T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd of £24,950.87 for Path Realignment, seating and bin installation works be accepted.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The landscape restoration works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Arts Department Capital Estimates. Funding for this element is available within the Restoration Plan budgets in 2004/2005.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The restoration of Baxter Park will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also confirm that diversity of nature is valued and protected and that local needs are met locally. It will also make sure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 Every opportunity will be taken within the Baxter Park Restoration Plan to make it a more family friendly and barrier free city park.

6 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 This is the second year of path realignment works which forms part of a five year restoration plan for Baxter Park. The second phase of the path realignment works to Baxter Park will be carried out at the diagonal path to the south of the main pavilion and also to the west gated entrances into the park. These works will include improvements to the existing drainage and path realignments, regrading and resurfacing. New seating and bins will also be installed to the south west feature circle.
- 6.2 Three contractors were invited to tender for the Path Realignment Works. The Heritage Lottery Fund as majority funder requires that the contract goes to competitive tender.

Contractor	Tender Amount	Reduced to:
J D Minto Ltd - Dundee	£39664.20 corrected to:	£39,814.20 £27,696.02
T & N Gilmartin - Fife		£34,117.36 £24,950.87
Dundee Contract Services - Dundee		£40,945.85 £28,429.49

The tenders were arithmetically checked and two were found to be correct. The J.D. Minto Ltd tender was adjusted to correct the an arithmetical error.

The tender prices above have been reduced to delete a provisional item and keep expenditure within the budget available. The lowest tender was deemed to be fair and reasonable and is recommended for acceptance.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Article XI of the Leisure Services Committee of 15 October 2001
Article II of the Leisure Services Committee of 21 January 2002

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