

REPORT TO: LEISURE AND ARTS SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 MAY 2005

REPORT ON: CAIRD PARK ATHLETICS STADIUM MODERNISATION AND DAWSON PARK ARTIFICIAL PITCH (PARTNERING)

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ARTS AND CITY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES OFFICER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to carry out modernisation works at Caird Park Athletics Stadium and to construct an artificial pitch at Dawson Park.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Leisure and Arts Services Committee is asked to approve:

- i) modernisation works at Caird Park Athletics Stadium and the construction of an artificial pitch at Dawson Park.
- ii) the acceptance of the ERDC Group Ltd. as the partnering contractor with an agreed maximum price of £690,489 by the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Director of Leisure and Arts.
- iii) the other allowances of £22,700 as detailed bringing out a total project cost of £713,189.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that the estimated total cost of £713,189 will be met from the approved Big Lottery Fund award of £629,000 with the balance of £84,189 being met from the Leisure and Arts department's 2005/06 Capital Budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The proposals comply with requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Leisure and Arts Services Committee held on 21st February 2005 approved the expenditure of £29,000 on design and development fees in 2004/05 for this project and this amount is not included in the costs presented in this report.

6.2 The proposal for Caird Park Athletics Stadium is to resurface the existing running track to regional standard and other ancillary alterations and improvements to modernise the whole stadium.

- 6.3 The proposal at Dawson Park is to create an artificial pitch suitable for use by Grove Academy as a sports ground and for use by local hockey/soccer clubs. The scheme includes fencing, drainage and other ancillary works.
- 6.4 Floodlighting to the pitch at Dawson Park is planned to be carried out in 2006/07 and will be the subject of a further report.
- 6.5 Initial enquiries were made to seven specialist sports construction companies to carry out this work. One was not interested and was not sent any further information; the other six were sent a partnering questionnaire which included key cost information and were asked to return these to the City Architectural Services Officer. Two contractors did not submit their responses, two decided to team up and submit a joint application and the others submitted their applications as requested.

The resultant three potential partners were then invited to attend an interview and following this process the recommended partnering partner is the ERDC Group Ltd., Midlothian who scored the highest marks in the overall assessment combining price and quality.

- 6.6 The overall project costs are estimated as follows:-

	<u>£</u>
Construction Works (based on the AMP negotiated with the ERDC Group)	690,489
Allowance for Professional Services, supervisory and administrative expenses	<u>22,700</u>
<u>Total Cost of Project</u>	<u>713,189</u>

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive and the Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Article VI - Leisure and Arts Services Committee 21 February 2005.

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