

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 17 April 2006

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan - Supply and Laying of Turf

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 249-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Drumoig Turf Maintenance Ltd to undertake the turfing of the east and west parterres and surrounding areas including the front of the main terrace as part of the Baxter Park Restoration Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer of £72,518.64 from Drumoig Turf Maintenance Ltd for the turfing works is accepted as being the most advantageous. It is also recommended a contingency of £3,000 is added to the project due to the nature of the work, giving a total cost of £75,518.64.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The supplying and laying of turf is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan, which is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Communities Department.

The total cost of the Baxter Park Restoration project is £3,558,000 and will be funded as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund	2,839,000
Historic Scotland	275,000
Web project	<u>10,000</u>
	£3,124,000
Leisure and Communities Department Capital Budget 2001/02 – 2006/07	<u>434,000</u>
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

The expenditure detailed in this report will be met from the above

4.0 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.

5.0 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.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The following four contractors were invited to tender for the Supplying and Laying of Turf:

Drumoig Turf Maintenance Ltd	£72,518.64
Carnoustie Turf	£110,383.17
Stewarts Turf	Tender not returned
Welch Turf Craft	Tender not returned

- 6.2 This is the fifth year of landscape refurbishment works, which forms part of a five year restoration plan for Baxter Park. The fifth phase of the landscape refurbishment to Baxter Park will be carried out to the parterres at the east and west of the pavilion, including the surrounding verges and east entrance. These works will include the formation of flowerbeds in the parterres and edging to the surrounding shrub beds.

- 6.3 A contingency of £3,000 is recommended due to the nature of the work.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and Director of Planning and Transportation have been consulted on this Report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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