

REPORT TO: Leisure & Arts Services Committee - 22 April 2002

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan – Technical Services 2002/2003

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Arts

REPORT NO: 284-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To gain approval for the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to undertake Technical Services for Baxter Park Restoration Plan in 2002/2003

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee approve the expenditure of £85,095 for Technical Services for Baxter Park Restoration Plan in 2002/2003 by the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of Technical Services is £85,095. The Heritage Lottery Fund will provide a grant of £66,464 towards this and Historic Scotland a grant of £10,875 and provision has been made for the balance of £7,756 in the draft Leisure & Arts Department's Capital Budget for 2002/2003.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

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 Reference is made to Article IX of the Leisure Services Committee of the 15 October 2001 where the Committee was informed of the awarding of a Heritage Lottery Grant for £3.25 million to Baxter Park
- 6.2 This report signifies the first phase of the implementation of that restoration plan being the design work for the Park Centre (£22,100), the Railings and Boundary Wall (£43,500) The Tennis Pavilion (£7,500) the first phase of the Main Pavilion (£10,000) and the conversion of the Northern Toilets to a store (£1,995)
- 6.3 A submission has been received by the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to undertake the appropriate Architectural, Quantity Surveying, Planning Supervisory, Electrical Services and stone investigation work required to develop designs for the Park Centre, Railings and Boundary Wall, Tennis Pavilion, First Phase at the Main Pavilion to make it wind and water tight and the conversion of the northern toilets to a store for the grounds maintenance staff.

- 6.4 All these elements are part of the eligible costs from the Heritage Lottery Fund and therefore will be funded to a percentage of 89.55% by them. The Historic Scotland grant relates only to the Railings and Boundary Wall and is funded to a percentage of 25% by them.
- 6.5 Local Community Groups will be consulted with regard to the design of the Park Centre as it develops. The Web Project is involved with regard to the formation of the Tennis Pavilion into a Youth Centre. They are also part funding the interior works to the Tennis Pavilion.
- 6.6 The tenders for the actual works will be the subject of further committee reports.

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Director's of Support Services, Corporate Planning and Finance have all been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Article IX of the Leisure Services Committee of 15 October 2001
Article III of the Leisure Services Committee of 21 January 2002

9.0 **SIGNATURE**

Director of Leisure & Arts.....

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