

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 20 December 2004

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan - Tender for Contract Tree Growing and Planting

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 298-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Bellwood Trees Ltd to undertake the contract growing of trees for planting in November 2006 for Baxter Park as part of the Park's Restoration Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee:

- 2.1 accept the offer of £18,957.50 from Bellwood Trees Ltd. for the contract growing and planting of 78 semi mature trees
- 2.2 approve a 3% contingency sum of £568.73 giving a total cost of £19,526.23

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The landscape refurbishment works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Arts 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 Arts Department Capital Plan 2003/04 – 2006/07	<u>434,000</u>
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

Expenditure will be incurred as follows:

2006/07	16,387
2007/08	1,932
2008/09	<u>1,208</u>
Total	19,527

This expenditure will be met from the HLF element of the funding available.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The restoration of Baxter Park will ensure that the 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 tender is for contract growing and planting of specimen trees to be used in Baxter Park as required by the Restoration Plan. The trees include Holly, Monkey Puzzle, Austrian and Scots Pine, Yew, Hazel, Holm Oak, Horse Chestnut and Silver Lime.
- 6.2 Bellwood Trees Ltd were selected to submit as sole tenderer for the contract growing of trees for Baxter Park after market testing of two Scottish and 4 English specialist tree nurseries. Bellwood are able to supply all but 2 of the species required with the advantage of being a local company that can give the level of service required.
- 6.3 A 3% contingency sum of £568.73 is recommended for any unforeseen ground conditions when planting.

It is proposed that Bellwood Trees Ltd plant the trees in the financial year 2006/7 with two further payments be made of £1,932 and £1,207.50 respectively in the financial years 2007/8 and 2008/9 for maintenance which is necessary for new planting.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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