

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure & Arts Services Committee – 20th May 2002

REPORT ON: Old Steeple Bells - Servicing and Maintenance

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 334-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek committee approval for capital expenditure for works at the Old Steeple.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the committee approves the proposed expenditure of £7,431 contained within this report and accepts the offers detailed.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total expenditure of £7,431 can be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's 2002/2003 Capital Budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Dundee City Council owns the Old Steeple and is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance.

6.2 The Old Steeple Bell-ringers have approached the Council with concerns on the urgent need for works to maintain the condition and use of the bells at the Old Steeple. The works are of a specialist nature and the main suppliers of such services have been approached for quotations.

6.3 To properly maintain the bells in the most economic manner tools and training will be necessary. The bell-ringers have undertaken to do some self maintenance thus minimising expense to the Council.

7.0 QUOTATIONS

7.1 **Hayward Mills Associates, Nottingham**

Maintenance work to bells and fittings.

Clearing down all ironwork, repainting and treating woodwork £3,933

Fitting new pulleys £510

Turning numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7 bells and re-roping £1,775

Full set of specialist tools £280

Training - the bell-hangers above will supply training in maintenance, health and safety and certificates to the Old Steeple Bell-ringers at no extra charge to the Council

John Taylor, Loughborough

Set of eight ropes. £793

Outhwaite & Son, Hawes

Eight Muffles £140

Total £7,431

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive and Directors of Support Services, Finance and Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its content.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

Director of Leisure and Arts _____ Date _____