

ITEM No ...4.....

REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2016
REPORT ON: ROBERTSON STREET COMMUNITY GROWING GARDEN
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO. 352-2016

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for the construction of a community growing garden at Robertson Street.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the project below at Robertson Street

Project Reference Project Description	Contractor	Tender Amount	Fees & Other Costs	Total Amount
Robertson Street Community Garden	Neighbourhood Services	£56,458.22	£4,909.41	£61,367.63

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises these costs will be met from the allowances for Parks and Open Spaces within the Recreation, Culture and Arts and Heritage section of the General Services Capital Plan 2016-21.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of the Environment Committee meeting of 20th May, 2013 which approved the establishment of a Community Allotment Officer post and the development of Community Allotment Pilot Projects (report 195-2013).

4.2 Since the approval of the report the Community Allotment Officer has established three pilot projects in the community regeneration areas of Lochee, Ardler and Douglas. This proposal is an extension of these pilot projects. All Community Allotment projects contribute to Recommendation 56 in the Fairness Commission's report – A Fair Way to Go (2016).

4.3 A scoping exercise established Robertson Street as a suitable site in terms of its environmental and social attributes. It is targeted at a densely-populated urban regeneration area where residents lack growing space; several local organisations have expressed an interest in participating.

4.4 Extensive consultation has taken place in collaboration with the Communities Officer and Stobswell Forum. Leafleting has generated interest from local individuals and organisations such as the One World Centre, Boomerang, the Maryfield Men's Shed, Taybank Medical Centre and The Prince's Trust all wish to be actively involved.

4.5 The location was initially identified by City Development as being surplus land. The design takes into account the southerly aspect, steep incline and the current access route across the site and has been generated with community collaboration.

4.6 The capital build will provide the infrastructure necessary to facilitate community growing in this space, paving the way for a constituted group to take on responsibility for the area.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.
- 5.2 This project has been initiated in response to the Fairness Commission Report's priority 56 to establish community gardens in areas of deprivation and as an extension of the Community Allotments Pilot scheme mentioned above.

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and all other Chief Officers have been consulted on the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 A Fair Way to Go – Dundee Fairness Commission report.

Elaine Zwirlein
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24th October 2016

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>
PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT PROJECT INFORMATION	Robertson Street Community Growing Garden To establish a community growing garden in the Maryfield Community Regeneration Area
ESTIMATED START DATE COMPLETION DATE	21/11/16 31/03/17
TOTAL COST	Works £56,458.22 Professional Fees <u>£4,909.41</u> Total <u>£61,367.63</u>
FUNDING SOURCE	Capital – allowances for Parks and Opens Spaces within the Recreation, Culture and Arts and Heritage section of the General Services Capital Plan 2016-21.
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2016/2017 £61,367.63
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	None
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	Part fulfilment of Fairness Commission report Priority 56
TENDERS	Negotiated project <u>Tenderers</u> <u>Tender</u> Neighbourhood Services £56,458.22
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer
ALLOWANCES	Professional Services £4,909.41
SUB CONTRACTOR	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS	A Fair Way to Go – Dundee Fairness Commission report

