

ITEM No ...5.....

REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2018
REPORT ON: COMMUNITY GROWING – DECOMMISSIONED LOCHEE BOWLING GREEN
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO. 352-2018

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for construction of a fruit-growing project at the decommissioned Lochee Park Bowling Green.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the project below at Lochee Park.

Project Reference Project Description	Contractor	Tender Amount	Fees & Other Costs	Total Amount
Growing Project Fruit Bowl	Neighbourhood Services	£30,000	£3,000	£33,000

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that funding for the above project is available as detailed on the attached sheet.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to the approved Agenda Note AN25-2018 to Neighbourhood Services Committee 23/04/18 (item III Lochee Park Bowling Green) advising that plans to develop the redundant green as a fruit-growing project would be taken forward.

4.2 This project will be located in a popular local park which serves both Lochee and the West End. The idea was initiated when Dundee City Council was approached by the James Hutton Institute based in Invergowrie, who wish to establish a community growing project. Links have now been made with an existing growing group based in Lochee, a citizen science growing group based in the West End and Ancrum Road Primary School as well as individual local residents.

4.3 Extensive consultation has taken place at this summer's events in the park and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with many local people interested in participating. Regular meetings have been held with core stakeholders and progress has been steady due to their enthusiasm. The name for the project came out of the group: Fruit Bowls.

4.4 There are two bowling greens at Lochee Park: the green to be developed has not been used as a bowling green for several seasons and only used once a year for Ancrum Rd PS's sports day (which can be accommodated in the main park in future years). This decommissioned green will be completely restructured with fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, a raspberry maze and raised beds for growing vegetables. A pond and wildflower meadow area will contribute to biodiversity. The pavilion has potential to be a more useful community space. The group intends to investigate this further and identify appropriate external funding to upgrade the building, for both the project participants and existing bowlers. If necessary, a further report will be presented to this committee in this regard.

4.5 The project will provide the infrastructure necessary to facilitate community fruit growing in the space, paving the way for a constituted group to take on responsibility for the green and possibly the bowling green pavilion.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equalities and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Elaine Zwirlein
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

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26th October 2018

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>						
PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT	Lochee Park Bowling green Growing Project (Fruit Bowl)						
PROJECT INFORMATION	Redesign of existing decommissioned bowling green						
ESTIMATED START DATE	20 th November 2018						
COMPLETION DATE	31 st March 2019						
TOTAL COST	<table> <tr> <td>Several Works</td> <td>£30,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allowances</td> <td><u>£3,000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td><u>£33,000</u></td> </tr> </table>	Several Works	£30,000	Allowances	<u>£3,000</u>	Total	<u>£33,000</u>
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FUNDING SOURCE	Allowances for Parks and Open Spaces within Health, Care & Well Being section of Capital Plan 2018-23						
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2018/19 £33,000						
ADDITIONAL FUNDING							
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues						
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None						
TENDERS	<table> <tr> <td>Offer Price</td> <td>£30,000</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Neighbourhood Services</u></p>	Offer Price	£30,000				
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RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer						
ALLOWANCES	<table> <tr> <td>Professional fees</td> <td><u>£3,000</u></td> </tr> </table>	Professional fees	<u>£3,000</u>				
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