

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 9th JANUARY 2012

REPORT ON: THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING ON DUNDEE LAW ALLOTMENTS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

REPORT NO: 4-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the supply and erection of security fencing at West Law and Stirling Park Allotments.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee agree the proposed improvements and instruct the Director of Environment to undertake these works. This is subject to approval of the required funding through the Community Regeneration Fund by the Policy and Resources Committee of 9th January 2012.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Director of Finance advises that the costs of £61,000 can be met from allowances within the Environment department's capital budget for 2011/12 together with £31,000 from the Community Regeneration Fund.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Over recent years there have been a number of incidents, including break-ins and of willful fire raising both in the West Law Allotments and Stirling Park Allotments, with the Police and Tayside Fire and Rescue being called out on a number of occasions.
- 4.2 Following consultation with Dundee Federation of Allotment Garden Association, West Law Allotment Association and Stirling Park Allotments it is now proposed to replace the existing chain link fence with 1.8m palisade fencing. This will provide a secure perimeter to Stirling Park and protection to the most vulnerable side of West Law Allotments.
- 4.3 The future maintenance of the fencing will be included within the Allotment Associations' Leases, reducing the future revenue implications for the department.
- 4.4 The cost of undertaking these works will be £61,000 and will be undertaken by the Environment department. Funding will be met from an allowance of £30,000 within the Environment department's capital budget 2011/12 along with a proposed £31,000 from the Community Regeneration Fund. Report number 5-2012 to the Policy and Resources committee of 9 January 2012 seeks approval for this additional funding.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, Strategic Environment Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equal Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major indicators have been identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Director of Finance have been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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7th December 2011

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