

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee – 24 September 2007

REPORT ON: Green Circular Improvement Works

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 475-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for T & N Gilmartin to carry out improvements to the Green Circular footpaths at Gowrie Park, Trottick and William Fitzgerald Way.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 approves the offer of £22,770.45 from T & N Gilmartin for the footpath improvements.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of the project will be £30,000:00. £25,000 has been allocated from the Scottish Executive's capital grant of Cycling Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) funding. The balance of £5,000 will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2007/08 Capital Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article IV Green Circular – Maintenance, Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004. This forms part of the outdoor access strategy which allows for ongoing improvements to the Green Circular and improving access to it and to Article X, Planning and Transportation Committee of 11 June 2007 where an allocation to Outdoor Access Projects was agreed.

- 4.2 Within the proposals it is intended to renew the chicanes on the Green Circular to the east and west of Mallaig Avenue on the path. It is also intended to lay a more durable surface to stop the erosion on the path. It is also proposed to carry out similar work to the surface at the entrance to Trottick Ponds Nature Reserve at Claverhouse Old Road and the bridge over the Dighty Burn which gives access to Harefield Road and the adjacent housing.

- 4.3 The project allows for the provision of new access facilities at the west of William Fitzgerald Way for pedestrians and cyclists to enable them to gain access to the Green Circular and the right of way leading to Trottick Ponds Nature Reserve. Also council vehicles will be able to gain access for the purpose of maintenance of the open space, including future management of the site, while preventing access to unauthorised vehicles and motorbikes.

- 4.4 Three tenders were sent out and 2 offers were returned

T&N Gilmartin	£22,770.45
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Dundee Contract Services	£28,050.49
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Breakdown of costs	
Project costs	22,770.45
Landscape Design Team fees	3,375.00
Signage	2,000:00
Contingencies	<u>1,854:55</u>
	£30,000:00

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic environmental assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment.

Sustainability

The proposals do contain the use of recycled materials where possible. They are also designed to provide better and safer access to openspace at the same time enhance environmental quality

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Article IV Green Circular – Maintenance, Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004
 Article X Cycling Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Projects Commencing 2007 - 2008, Planning & Transportation Committee 11 June 2007

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6 SEPTEMBER 2007