

REPORT TO: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE 21 JANUARY 2002

REPORT ON: BAXTER PARK RESTORATION PLAN

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE & PARKS

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**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee on the progress of the Baxter Park Restoration Plan and to obtain agreement for Technical Services work to be undertaken.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Note the progress with regard to Baxter Park Restoration Plan and
- 2.2 Agree to the undertaking of Technical Services by the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to a value of £41,000

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of Technical Services is £41,000. Heritage Lottery Fund will provide a grant of £31,218 towards this and the balance of £9,782 can be met from the Leisure & Parks Department's Capital Budget for 2001/2002.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

The restoration of Baxter Park will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also confirm that diversity of nature is valued and protected and that local needs are met locally. It will also make sure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Every opportunity will be taken within the Baxter Park Restoration Plan to make it a more family friendly and barrier free city park.

**6 MAIN TEXT**

Reference is made to Agenda Item IX of the Leisure Services Committee of the 15 October 2001 where the Committee was informed of the awarding of a Heritage Lottery Grant for £3.25 million to Baxter Park. This report signifies the first phase of the implementation of that restoration plan being the design work for the Park Centre and the Tennis Pavilion as well as research work on the stone wall for the replacement of the railings.

A submission has been received by the Architectural Services Division of Dundee City Council to undertake the appropriate Architectural, Quantity Surveying, Planning Supervisory, Electrical Services and stone investigation work required to develop designs for the Park Centre and Tennis Pavilion and investigate the stone wall.

All these elements are part of the eligible costs from the Heritage Lottery Fund and therefore will be funded to a percentage of 76.23% by them.

Local Community Groups will be consulted with regard to the design of the Park Centre as it develops. The Web Project is involved with regard to the formation of the Tennis Pavilion into a Youth Centre. They are also part funding the interior works to the Tennis Pavilion.

The tenders for the actual works will be the subject of further committee reports.

7 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Planning and Transportation have all been consulted on this report.

8 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Leisure Services Committee of the 15 October 2001, Agenda Item IX.

9 **SIGNATURE**

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**Director of Leisure & Parks**

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**Date**