

Report to: Leisure Services Committee - 21 August 2000

Report on: Millennium Public Art Project in Templeton Woods

Report by: Director of Leisure and Parks

REPORT NO: 510-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek committee approval of a Millennium Public Art Project in Templeton Woods.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Recommended that Committee authorises for the Director of Leisure and Parks to commence the necessary procedures to allow installation of a Millennium Public Art Project in Templeton Woods.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of the project is £700. The Council's Community Chest will meet the artist's fee of £500 with the balance of £200 being met from the Leisure & Parks Department 2000/01 Revenue Budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Beneficial. The erection of these works of art and the community participation involved would allow greater local stewardship and provide an attractive visitor feature in keeping with Templeton Woods' environment and history.
- 4.2 Dundee 21 Key Themes states "Resources are used efficiently and waste minimised". The timber used would be of local source, via Camperdown Sawmill with negligible environmental impact.
- 4.3 Dundee's Public Open Space Strategy. Templeton Woods is specifically mentioned in the Public Open Space Strategy annual review 2000 point 2.4.3 stating " Encourage and promote the use of public art".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report takes into consideration the City Council's policy on Equal Opportunities.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The proposed art project involves the creation of a circle of seven large wooden pillars. Each would have an inscription designed by local community groups inspired by the wood's history and flora and fauna.

Each pillar would be no more than 2m tall and be dug into the ground similar to the installation of fence straining posts.

The circle would be used as a gathering and meeting point for groups using the wood for educational or leisure activities, and as an interpretational resource for other visitors. The artwork would complement the visitor facilities already provided at the Templeton Woods Visitor Centre and Green Circular which passes close by.

A small supporting exhibition would be installed at the Templeton Woods Visitor Centre, explaining the circle and its relevance.

- 6.2 The total cost of the project is £700. This includes the artist's fees and a balance of £200 for materials which are being supplied by the Leisure & Parks Department.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The project has been discussed with all council officers involved in managing Templeton Woods, as well as Council Officers on the Public Open Space Strategy Implementation Group. Local interest groups such as local schools, Dundee Tree Group, Dundee Naturalist Society and other local artists have been consulted.

- 7.2 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have all been consulted with this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Dundee's Public Open Space Strategy annual review 2000
Dundee 21 Plan for Sustainability

9.0 SIGNATURE

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Director of Leisure and Parks Department

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Date