

## DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 18 September 2006**

**REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan - Tender for Phase 5 - Arboricultural Works**

**REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities**

**REPORT NO: 527-2006**

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Dundee Contract Services to undertake Phase 5 - Arboricultural Works in Baxter Park as part of the park's Restoration Plan.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 accept the offer of £6,695 from Dundee Contract Services for Phase 5 - Arboricultural Works.
- 2.2 approve a 5% contingency sum of £335 to be added to the project sum giving a total cost of £7,030.

### 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The landscape refurbishment works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Communities Department.

The total cost of the Baxter Park Restoration project is £3,558,000 and will be funded as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund	2,839,000
Historic Scotland	275,000
Web project	<u>10,000</u>
	£3,124,000
Leisure and Communities Department Capital Budget 2001/02 – 2006/07	<u>434,000</u>
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

The expenditure detailed in this report will be met from the above

### 4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 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

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The tender is for arboricultural works as part of Phase 5 of the Arboricultural Works in the Baxter Park Restoration Plan. The work includes general tree crowning, thinning and pruning throughout the park and removal of diseased or dying trees.

- 6.2 The four companies who were asked to submit a tender for the work were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Checked Tender Price</b>
Dundee Contract Services	£6,695
Specialist Tree Services	£6,978
Arboretum International Ltd	£9,102
Garden of Eden Tree Care Ltd	No quote received

After checking, Dundee Contract Services were found to have a mathematical inaccuracy in their tender. They were informed of this and they revised their tender accordingly. All other tenders were accurate after checking.

- 6.3 A 5% contingency sum of £335 is recommended due to the nature of the work and the possibility that the requirements for additional tree work may arise.
- 6.4 It is recommended that the Committee approve the appointment of Dundee Contract Services as they have provided the lowest tender and it is a fair and reasonable offer.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

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

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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