

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 23 October 2006

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan - Paths and Roadworks including Drainage, Lighting, Street Furniture, Signage and Railings.

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the supply and installation of paths, roadworks including drainage, lighting, street furniture, signage and railings works within Baxter Park as part of the Restoration plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 accept the quote of £413,750 from T & N Gilmartin for the Terrace improvements.
- 2.2 accept the quote of £110,370 from T & N Gilmartin for the supply and installation of landscape works within Baxter Park.
- 2.3 approve an allowance for contingencies of £106,458 and fees of £36,000.
- 2.4 approve total expenditure of £666,578.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The terrace improvements and landscape works are 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 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability
The restoration of Baxter Park meets with the Sustainability Policy for Dundee City Council. Proposals have been progressed to ensure that environmental legislation has been met and wherever possible will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will protect and enhance the quality and diversity of the city's built heritage whilst contributing to the Tayside Biodiversity Strategy. Access to an enhanced manageable environment will be improved. The proposal provides increased opportunities for citizens and visitors to enjoy and learn more about Dundee's natural heritage resources and the benefits of environmental stewardship. 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.

4.2 Anti Poverty
The proposals in this report are 75% externally funded. This has helped the City Council to mobilise resources and obtain external funding or grant aid.

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 proposed contract for works in Baxter Park as part of the Restoration Plan, has been divided into 2 parts. Part 1 comprises of the civil engineering works at the Terrace (including drainage, footpaths, terrace resurface and lighting) and Part 2 consists of the remainder of the landscape works (including railings, street furniture, signage and re-instatement). The contract will be managed as a single project with contract administration from City Engineers and Landscape Design Team.

6.2 The works comprise the final phase of the Baxter Park Restoration Plan. The resurfacing of the Terrace and footpaths in a bound gravel surface is to recreate an historic appearance and compliment the newly refurbished Main Pavilion. The works will also include improvements to the drainage and structural makeup of the paths. The paths will be edged in a combination of recycled plastic with a metal upstand edge. Lighting will be installed around the main Pavilion, along the Terrace and between the Park Centre and main Pavilion.

The landscape works comprise the reinstatement of the edges of footpaths, supply and installation of trip rails, signage and street furniture.

The contract will run concurrently with the restoration of turf parterres and supply and planting of shrubs, herbaceous plants and specimen trees. These elements to be carried out by others as previously approved by Committee.

6.2 Five companies were asked to quote for the work and the following costs were submitted:

Contractor	Checked Tender Price
T & N Gilmartin	£524,120.88
Tayside Contracts	£595,019.40
Dundee Plant Co Ltd	£656,470.87
Torith Limited	£715,612.50
Land Engineering	£842,024.96

6.3 It is recommended that the Committee approve the appointment of T & N Gilmartin as they have provided the lowest tender, presenting competitive value, quality of work and because of their proven track record of working with the City Council in

public parks.

- 6.4 The Committee is also asked to approve a 16% contingency of £106,458 due to the potential uncertainty of the extent of the Terrace works and Engineers fees of £36,000.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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