

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Committee - 18 October 2004

REPORT ON: Dawson Park - Tender for Relocation of Demonstration Garden

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 560-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for T & N Gilmartin to undertake the construction of the new demonstration garden at Dawson Park as part of the strategy to encourage people into the parks.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 accept the offer of £131,893.93 from T & N Gilmartin of Cupar.
- 2.2 approve a 5% contingency sum of £6,600 to be added to the project sum giving a total cost of £138,493.93.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Demonstration Garden relocation works will run over two financial years. The expenditure of £138,493.93 will be met from the Leisure and Arts Department's Capital Budgets for 2004/05 (£100,000) and 2005/06 (£38,494).

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The improvements to the Park will ensure that resources are used more efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also confirm that the diversity of nature is valued for learning, complement the leisure and recreation facilities that are readily available to all within, and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The tenders were invited for the construction of a demonstration garden within Dawson Park which will replace the existing Duntrune Demonstration Garden which is intended to close during the summer of 2005.

The works include the provision of a security fence to the boundary. Within the boundary, the provision of a path network will take visitors round the various features of the garden. These include a model suburban garden with fencing and pergola and a garden shed. Also various patio and kitchen gardens will be

incorporated including a Healthy Living Garden, all bounded with suitable fencing and pergolas with space for rock and water gardens. Provision has been made for dogs to be tied up to enable their owners to go round the garden.

A Therapeutic Garden is to be incorporated and will replace the existing one at the entrance to the park. A therapist worker with Sense Scotland and Four Seasons Care Homes Works has indicated her willingness to use the new facility for her clients.

To improve access to the garden a new footpath will be constructed and an existing one removed. The old garden for disabled people, which is no longer used, will provide an extension to the existing car park at Caenlochan Road and contribute to the reduction of on street car parking at peak periods of use.

It is proposed to carry out additional works in conjunction with Dundee College Horticultural Department and Strathmartine Skillcentre to reconstruct the Kim Wilde Garden as seen at Dundee Flower and Food Festival, as a feature in one of the Patio/Front Gardens.

The planting of the demonstration garden will be carried out by the department's horticultural staff.

- 6.2 Three contractors were invited to tender for the construction of the new Demonstration Garden.

Contractor	Tender price
T&N Gilmartin, Cupar	£131,893.93
Dundee Contract Services, Dundee	no offer received
J. Minto & Partners, Muirhead	no offer received

- 6.3 A 5% contingency sum of £6,600 is recommended due to the nature of the work and unforeseen circumstances.

- 6.4 The committee is recommended to accept the offer of £131,893.93 as the only tender and as a fair and reasonable offer.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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