

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 25 October 2010

REPORT ON: Outdoor Access Improvement Works 2010

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 580-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval of tenders for Outdoor Access Improvement Works targeted at the Templeton Woods and Ardler Open Space.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the:

2.1 quotation submitted by T&N Gilmartin Ltd for Templeton Woods and D J Laing Ltd for Ardler Open Space.

2.2 quotes for traffic counters for Templeton Woods paths from A & P Chambers Ltd, Inverness and CA Traffic.

2.3 grant aid from Forest Commission's Woodland In and Around Town 2 Challenge Fund.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This expenditure totalling £49,242.55 can be met from £29,070.16 of the Leisure and Communities Department's 2010/11 Capital Budget which is targeted towards Outdoor Access improvements and Forestry Commission Woodland In and Around Towns funding of £20,172.39.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004, which allows for ongoing improvements to the Green Circular and improving access to it, and to Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005 when approval was given for Dundee's Outdoor Access Strategy. The proposed improvement works are to be carried out in line with this strategy.

4.2 Reference is made to Committee report 440 - 2005 acceptance of WIAT1 grant aid.

4.3 The purpose of the projects is to improve access at Templeton Woods and Ardler Greenspace extending the all abilities standard into woodland which is difficult to use. 730m of path will be improved, signs and seating will be installed. People counters are included to help staff monitor use. Extensive public consultation in Ardler identified access problems which will be addressed through this project. In Templeton Woods, the works form part of longer term access improvements and has the support of the Friends of Templeton Woods group.

4.4 Tender documentation was sent to five companies and five were returned for Templeton Woods and four for Ardler greenspace. This is detailed in Appendix 1.

- 4.5 The tender amount submitted includes contingencies which if not needed will be used to extend Green Circular improvements which are being planned for this year and will be detailed in a further report to Committee.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

**STEWART MURDOCH
DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES
12 OCTOBER 2010**

APPENDIX 1

Outdoor Access Improvement Works 2010

**Templeton Woods
Company**

Tender Amount

T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd
Gilliesfaulds Farm
Cupar
Fife
KY15 4HX

£15,925.47

DJ Laing
Laing House
Panmure Industrial Estate
Carnoustie
Angus
DD7 7NP

£19,310.73

Dundee Contract Services (Land Services),
353 Clepington Road,
Dundee
DD3 8PL

£22,033.75

John D Minto & partners Ltd
Civil Engineers
Backmuir of Liff
Muirhead
Dundee
DD2 5QT

£28,842.02

W H Brown Construction (Dundee) Ltd
Ainslie St.
West Pitkerro Ind Est
Dundee
DD5 3RR

£35,221.95

**Traffic Counters
Company**

Quoted amount

Vehicle Counter
CA Traffic Limited
Westhaven House, Arlestone Way
Shirley, Solihull, B90 4LH

£3,864.00

Walker, Horserider, Cyclist counter
A & P Chambers Ltd
Kaluna House
Nairnside
Inverness
IV2 5BU

£3,295.00

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Ardler Green space Company

Tender Amount

DJ Laing Laing House Panmure Industrial Estate Carnoustie Angus DD7 7NP	£26,158.24
Dundee Contract Services (Land Services), 353 Clepington Road, Dundee DD3 8PL	£26,745.51
T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd Gilliesfaulds Farm Cupar Fife KY15 4HX	£28,613.39
W H Brown Construction (Dundee) Ltd Ainslie St. West Pitkerro Ind Est Dundee DD5 3RR	£29,867.45