

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 15 September 2003

REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements Phase IV

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 593 -2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval to appoint Dundee Contract Services to undertake Phase IV of the Play Area Improvements Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree to proceed on the basis of partnership and acceptance of Dundee Contract Services as the partnering contractor for Phase IV of the Play Area Improvements Programme for an agreed budget price of £122,000 plus £6,000 contingencies.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost OF £128,000 can be met from the Quality of Life Funding available for 2003/2004.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The equipment that has been removed where possible will be refurbished and re-used to improve other areas. The equipment and materials that are not re-used will be repaired for recycling. This will ensure that removal of the play equipment does not create a problem of excessive disposal of materials and the environmental implications that may result.

4.2 All materials will be sources from renewable resources where possible. Safety surfacing will be of recycled material wherever possible.

4.3 The resulting play areas after refurbishment will be a safe and secure local asset to Dundee.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The refurbished Play Areas will be integrated as far as possible to ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the facility and enjoy a fulfilling play environment.

5.2 Play facilities will be provided to interest children and young people of all age groups.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to Article II of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 17 March 2003 when members agreed to the play areas being upgraded under Phase IV of the Play Areas Improvement Programme.

6.2 The Committee is recommended to accept Dundee Contract Services as the partnering contractor for Phase IV Play Area improvements due to their previous expertise on Phases I, II and III play area improvements and their negotiated contract price which offers best value in terms of costs and quality.

6.3 Phase IV Play Area Improvements includes new safety surfacing, fencing with self closing gates where required, installation of new play equipment or removal of old play equipment

where appropriate and painting and refurbishment of equipment where necessary to the following play areas:

Fairmuir Park Play Area
Dudhope Park Play Area
Dawson Park Play Area
Fintry Place Play Area
Finlathen Park Play Area
Crescent Street Play Area
Cobden Street Play Area
Victoria Park Play Area
Longhaugh Road Play Area

6.4 The project is being carried out under Dundee City Council's Partnering Guidelines for Construction Work.

6.5 The agreed maximum price is made up of the following

• Construction Works	£122,000
• Contingencies	<u>£ 6,000</u>
Total	<u>£128,000</u>

6.6 The Committee is recommended to approve the appointment of Dundee Contract Services who have provided a Gross Maximum Price that is Best Value for price and quality.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Dundee Contract Services have been consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Article II of the Leisure Services Committee of 17 March 2003.

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