DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 11 December 2006

REPORT ON: Charleston Village Green - Environmental Improvements

REPORT BY: Director of Housing and Director of Dundee Contract Services

REPORT NO: 601-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for the appointment of Dundee Contract Services to carry out the environmental improvements to Charleston Village Green.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Approve the design proposals for the environmental improvements to Charleston Village Green shown on Drawing No. 65248/02 and attached as Appendix 1
- 2.2 Authorise the City Council to accept the offer of £132,403 from Dundee Contract Services under a Partnering Agreement.
- 2.3 Authorise the overall expenditure of £171,000 for the project.
- 2.4 Approves the transfer of the land to Dundee Contract Services in order to facilitate a planned maintenance programme.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure of £171,000 can be met from the following funders for 2006/2007

Communities Regeneration Fund (CRF)	£90,000
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	£61,000
Dundee Contract Services (DCS)	£10,000
Housing Department	£10,000

- 3.2 The overall expenditure of £171,000 includes an allowance of £20,520 for professional fees and £18,077 for contingencies.
- 3.3 Dundee Contract Services have confirmed that future maintenance costs of the Village Green will be contained within their existing maintenance budget.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

This report will ensure compliance with the sustainability policy for Dundee City Council in respect of Environmental Legislation. It will also protect, enhance and manage the city's open spaces in a sustainable manner to improve environmental quality, promote leisure and access opportunities and encourage healthy living.

4.2 Anti Poverty

The proposals in this report will provide a new facility for groups of people who are particularly likely to suffer from poverty. It will also enable more people to become involved in social and cultural activities and help to extend the social networks within

4.3 communities. It will do this by developing and regenerating the public open space in the centre of Charleston so that the local community have an outdoor space to meet and hold events etc.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Access for disabled will be improved around the Village Green area.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The scheme was proposed as a result of consultation on the use of public open space in Charleston while in the process of developing a Local Land Use strategy for that area. Residents were fully involved at all stages in the project development and agreed final proposals and site plans.
- The Village Green development will complement the adjacent Community Centre, and provide a focal point for community events as well as an informal recreational space for all age groups.
- 6.3 The environmental improvements incorporate the construction of new bituminous macadam footpaths, hard and soft landscaping with public seating areas together with a stage area that could accommodate temporary lighting gantry for local events.
- Dundee Contract Services (DCS) tender rates and total have been verified by the City Engineer using rates obtained through competitive tendering thereby confirming Best Value for Dundee City Council.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Director of Planning & Transportation, Director of Dundee Contract Services and Director of Economic Development have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

9.0 APPENDIX

9.1 Appendix 1 - Design Proposals

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Appendix 1

