

**REPORT TO:** Policy & Resources Committee – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2003  
**REPORT ON:** Fleuchar Street Environmental Improvements  
**REPORT BY:** Director of Dundee Contract Services  
**REPORT NO.:** 629 - 2003

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To outline proposals and obtain approval for Environmental Improvements to the Fleuchar Street Open Space.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee are asked to approve the proposals as detailed in the report.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the works are carried out by Dundee Contract Services, at an estimated cost of £53,855.
- 2.3 Approve a contribution of £20,000 from the Economic Development Department for the proposed works in financial year 2004/2005.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The estimated cost of £53,855 can be funded as follows:-

Quality of Life Fund in 2003/2004 for Landscaping of Closed Playgrounds	£ 33,855
Economic Development Department's Capital Budget in 2004/2005	£ <u>20,000</u>
	£ <u>53,855</u>

- 3.2 There are no additional maintenance costs as a result of these proposals.

**4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 To address the needs of local communities to be met locally and to erect a safe, clean and pleasant environment and open space.

## **5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

## **6. MAIN TEXT**

6.1 Fleuchar Street Open Space was the site of a former playground, which was closed as part of the Council's policy on the rationalisation of children's playgrounds.

6.2 The site has now become derelict with overgrown shrubberies and the infrastructure such as walls and paths have become dangerous due to their condition.

6.3 The proposals include the removal of the derelict playground, walls, paths, steps, trip rail and planting. The site will then be re-landscaped to provide a safe environment.

The site will be graded, new paths constructed, the kickabout area grassed, fencing works and tree planting.

6.4 The estimated cost of the works to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services are as follows:-

Ground works include, grading, new paths, hand rails and lighting	£25,300.00
New fencing	£ 2,962.00
Grassing	£ 5,673.00
Seating	£ 2,750.00
Provision of trip rail	£ 9,910.00
Tree planting	<u>£ 7,260.00</u>
Total	<u>£53,855.00</u>

6.5 The proposals have been discussed with the local Ward Councillors and adjacent residents and meet with their approval. The site is owned by the Economic Development who have agreed to contribute funding of £20,000 from their Capital Budget in financial year 2004/2005 for the environmental improvements and £33,855 can be met from this year's allowance of £50,000 under the Quality of Life Fund in 2003/2004 for the landscaping of closed playgrounds.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Director of Economic Development have been consulted on the proposed work.

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**Date:**