

REPORT TO: Dundee contract Services Committee - 12th December 2005
REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements - 2005/2006
REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services
REPORT NO.: 722-2005

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Committee approval for Dundee Contract Services to carry out the programme for the next phase of the Play Area Improvements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to approve:-

- 2.1 The planned programme of improvements to three play areas in the city for 2005/2006 as detailed in para 6.3.
- 2.2 This work to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services at an estimated cost of £101,000.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposals will be met from the provision of £74K allowed under the Quality of Life Funding and £27K allowed under the Capital Programme for Play Area Improvements in 2005/2006.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. MAIN TEXT

6.1 Reference is made to Article VI of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 20 June 2005, where the Committee approved the next phase of the Programme of Play Area Refurbishments.

6.2 The play areas in housing and open space areas include refurbishment to:-

Mill O'Mains - Foula Terrace Play Area
Whitfield Green (East) Play Area
Marlee Road Play Area

6.3 Proposals have been drawn up for each site in consultation with the appropriate local elected member and, where possible, community groups/representatives. The works involve installation of safety surfacing, metal fencing where required and the purchase and erection of new play equipment.

6.3.1 Foula Terrace Play Area - Mill O'Mains - after consultation with the local Ward Councillor and residents, it is proposed to improve the Foula Terrace Play Area instead of the play area at Lewis Terrace which will remain and improved at a later date. The proposals include the erection of three new items of play equipment, fencing and safety surfacing at an estimated cost of £29,087.

6.3.2 Whitfield Green (East) Play Area - after consultation with the local Ward Councillor and community groups via the Community Regeneration Team, it is proposed that the playground be modernised. The proposals include the retention of some of the existing play equipment, the erection of four new items of play equipment, fencing and safety surfacing at an estimated cost of £27,353.

6.3.3 Marlee Road Play Area - after consultation with the local Ward Councillor and local residents, it is proposed that the playground be modernised. The proposals include the retention of some of the existing play equipment, the erection of three new items of play equipment, fencing and safety surfacing at an estimated cost of £44,560.

6.4 These works are estimated to cost a total of £101,000 and are to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services. Allowances are available from the Quality of Life Fund and the Departments own Capital Estimates in 2005/2006 for these works.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) were consulted in the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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Date: 1st December 2005