

REPORT TO: Leisure Services Committee 21 October 2002

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan/Tender For Arboricultural Works Year One

REPORT BY: Director Of Leisure & Arts

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Dundee Contract Services to undertake the Arboricultural Works Year One for the Baxter Park Restoration Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer of £14,569.09 from Dundee Contract Services for Arboricultural works Year One, being the most advantageous, is accepted. It is also recommended a contingency of £437.88 (3%) is added to the project sum giving a total cost of £15,006.97.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding for the Arboricultural works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Arts Department.

The total cost of the Baxter Park Restoration project is £3,558,000 and will be funded as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund	2,839,000
Historic Scotland	275,000
Web project	<u>10,000</u>
	£3,124,000
Leisure & Arts Department	
Capital Budget 2001/02 – 2006/07	<u>434,000</u>
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

The expenditure detailed in this report will be met from the above

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The restoration of Baxter Park will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised. It will also confirm that diversity of nature is valued and protected and that local needs are met locally. It will also make sure that opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all and that places, spaces and objectives can combine beauty with utility.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 Every opportunity will be taken within the Baxter Park Restoration Plan to make it a more family friendly and barrier free city park.

6 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Five contractors were invited to tender for the Arboricultural works. Two tenders were returned priced and three tenders were returned un-priced.

Dundee Contract Services	£14,596.09
Arboricultural Internationiale	£21,998.08
Scottish Woodlands Ltd	Tender not returned
Cut Above Specialist Tree Services	Tender not returned
Garden of Eden	Tender withdrawn

6.2 This is the first year's Aboricultural works which forms part of a 5 year restoration plan for Baxter Park. The works are a mixture of tree pruning, crown lifting and transplantation to restore its original grandeur and improve the health of the trees.

6.3 A 3% (£437.88) contingency is recommended due to the nature of the work being arboricultural and the likelihood that when the tree surgeons undertake the work on site the requirements for additional surgery will arise

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Planning, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Planning and Transportation have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

Director of Leisure & Arts _____ Date _____