

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 8 NOVEMBER 2004

REPORT ON: THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CHARLESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 763-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This Report seeks approval for the City Architectural Services Officer to obtain offers, tenders, or negotiate partnerships and for the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Head of Communities to accept these offers/tenders/partnership agreements for the refurbishment and extension of Charleston Neighbourhood Centre up to a total cost of £784,000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Architectural Services Officer be authorised to obtain offers, tenders or partnership agreements for the refurbishment and extension of Charleston Neighbourhood Centre. The Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) in conjunction with the Head of Communities be authorised to accept the offers, tender/partnership agreements as recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer for works to be undertaken by Dundee Contract Services and other contractors.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The expenditure of £784,000 can be met as follows: £220,000 and £123,000 from the Communities Department Capital Programme 2004/05 and 2005/06 respectively, plus £250,000 from the Big Lottery Fund Fair Share Trust and £191,000 from ERDF.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Acceptance of this report will ensure that resources are used efficiently and waste is minimised.
- 4.2 The proposed development will address Local Community Plan priorities and the Local Agenda 21 commitment to meeting needs locally.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Department has been successful in accessing £441,000 of external funding to progress the redevelopment of the Charleston Neighbourhood Centre to create a modern community meeting space for the residents of Charleston. The extension to the existing building will provide much needed additional capacity enabling new activities and services to be introduced. This will build on the centre's identity as the focal point of the local community, thereby, increasing opportunities for local people to play a positive role in the community.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services). The proposed redevelopment has been the subject of extensive consultation with the Local Management Group and residents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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