

**REPORT TO: LEISURE AND ARTS SERVICES COMMITTEE -
18 NOVEMBER 2002**

REPORT ON: PATHS FOR ALL INITIATIVE - CAIRD PARK CYCLEWAY

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ARTS AND
CITY ENGINEER**

REPORT NO: 796-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve proposals for a cycleway on the eastern boundary of Caird Park and accept an offer for its construction.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee;
- a Approves the details of the scheme;
 - b Accepts the offer from Tayside Contracts under their contract arrangements with BEAR Scotland Limited of £32,500; and
 - c Approves the overall expenditure of £37,000.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of this project will be met by Scottish Natural Heritage.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals link Caird Park to the Green Circular and will enhance the access to the Park and be advantageous to walkers, cyclists throughout the City. Providing access routes is sustainable in that it encourages people to adopt healthier transport options whilst reducing car use.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Walking and cycling initiatives benefit people who do not have access to a car and are therefore socially inclusive. The proposals will also incorporate facilities for less mobile people.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The need for a combined footway/cycleway from the Kingsway to Fountainbleu Road was identified in the review of the present network in the City. The position of the path has been developed in parallel with the Ambassador Route proposals for the Forfar Road. The cyclepath has been positioned in the Park with entry points at the Kingsway, the subway and at Fountainbleu Drive and replaces sections of existing paths. This position allows the re-arrangement of the verge adjacent to the road to comply with the Ambassador Route template of grass, fence and low hedge. The

entry at Fountainbleu is part of the major revision of this area as part of the Ambassador Route works and a new entry to the Park will be provided.

- 6.2 There are mutual benefits between the work to install the cycle path and the work on Ambassador Routes project. For instance the new cycle path has to be operational before the existing footpath on Forfar Road can be removed. Excavation materials from Ambassador Routes work could be used as fill materials on the path.
- 6.3 It is recommended that the cycleway work is undertaken as an extension to the BEAR Scotland contract and that a price is negotiated with Tayside Contracts who is the sub contractor for the Claverhouse Route - Forfar Road.
- 6.4 It is recommended that if the price is within the budget allowance of £32,500 for the works that the Director of Leisure and Arts be remitted to instruct the work in conjunction with the City Engineer.
- 6.5 It is also recommended that allowances of £4,500 for professional fees are added bringing the overall expenditure to £37,000 on these works.
- 6.6 The new cycle path replaces sections of existing paths in the park which are reaching the end of their life. The new cycle path is to be part of the pilot programme of using recycled aggregates in footway constructions. Where the cycle path is within the park boundary the Leisure and Arts Department will undertake the maintenance. Where it is within the Highway boundary, the Scottish Executive will assume responsibility for maintenance. Therefore any increased maintenance cost on the Council will be minimal.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services, Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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