

REPORT TO: Leisure Services Committee of 15th January, 2001

REPORT ON: Repair of Headstones and Monuments in
The Eastern Cemetery, Dundee

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Parks

REPORT NO: 836-2001

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 To report on the offer received from RMS Muir, Dundee for the repair of headstones and monuments in the Eastern Cemetery, Dundee and to seek committee approval to spend £17,052 on headstone foundation repairs.

2.0 **Recommendations**

2.1 The Committee agree to the offer of £16,240 from RBS Muir, Dundee, plus contingencies of £812.00.

3.0 **Financial Implications**

The expenditure can be met from the Leisure and Parks Department Capital Budget for 2000/2001.

4.0 **Local Agenda 21 Implications**

None

5.0 **Equal Opportunities Implications**

None

6.0 **Main Text**

6.1 The Leisure and Parks Department Capital Budget for 2000/01 contains provision of £20,000 for cemetery repairs. Item III of the Leisure Services Committee 21st February, 2000 approved expenditure of £10,000 with the Claverhouse Group on materials for cemetery headstone repairs. It is projected that only £2,000 of this will be spent this financial year leaving a balance of £18,000.

6.2 The proposed work is the third phase in making the old headstones safe throughout the cemeteries in Dundee. While the headstones are the responsibility of the owners, the Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its properties are safe for the public and its workforce. The age of the headstones are such that charging and changing the owners will not be cost effective. As the headstones identified are in a dangerous condition, urgent action is required.

6.3 The works are concerned largely with creating stable foundations and resetting and also unsound stones on plinths in a safe and secure manner. The works will be carried out at the Eastern Cemetery, Dundee.

6.4 Tenders were sent out listing the works on the 30th November, 2000 detailing the headstones requiring attention.

There were no offers received on the first tender. Only one offer was received on re-tendering.

Tenderer	Tender submitted
RBS Muir – Dundee	£16,240
Thomas Church Memorial Building Contractor – Brechin	No submission
R Middleton - Dundee	No submission

The Director of Leisure and Parks considers this offer to be favourable and recommends its acceptance.

The total cost of this offer is £16,240.

A contingency of 5% being £812.00 is recommended to make a contract amount of £17,052.

- 6.5 In respect of the treatment of the memorial stones for future years, the Director of Leisure and Parks is considering options which will be submitted to a subsequent Leisure Services Committee for consideration.

7.0 **Consultations**

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

8.0 **Background Papers**

Agenda Item II of the Leisure Services Committee of 18th January, 1999
Agenda Item IX of the Leisure Services Committee of 20th September, 1999
Agenda Item II of the Leisure Services Committee of 15th November, 1999
Agenda Item III of the Leisure Services Committee of 21st February, 2000

9.0 **Signed**

Director of Leisure and Parks:

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