

REPORT TO: Leisure Services Committee 16 December 2002

REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan/Tender For Landscape Refurbishment

REPORT BY: Director Of Leisure & Arts

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for Land & Building Services to undertake the Landscape Restoration Works Year One for the Baxter Park Restoration Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the offer of £57,206.72 from Land & Building Services for landscape restoration works is accepted. It is also recommended a contingency of £2,860.34 (5%) is added to the project sum giving a total cost of £60,067.06.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The landscape restoration works is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan which is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Arts Department Capital Estimates.
- 3.2 Fulfilling tender procedures is a requirement of the external funding.

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 Three contractors were invited to tender for the landscape refurbishment works. The Heritage Lottery Fund as majority funder requires that the contract all goes out to tender.

Contractor	Tender Amount
Land and Building Services - Dundee	£57,206.72
T & N Gilmartin - Fife	£63,317.65
Dundee Contract Services - Dundee	£74,956.53

The tenders were arithmetically checked and were found to be correct. The lowest tender was deemed to be fair and reasonable and is recommended for acceptance.

- 6.2 This is the first year's landscape restoration works which forms part of a 5 year restoration plan for Baxter Park. The first phase of the landscape refurbishment to Baxter Park will be carried out at the southwest entrance on Arbroath Road. These works will include the widening in part and resurfacing of the footway from the entrance gate to the north of the Council Bowling Green. A new central feature with ground uplights and a surround of trees will be created. It is proposed that this area will be developed in a future phase for seating.

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 Article IX of the Leisure Services Committee of 15 October 2001
Article II of the Leisure Services Committee of 21 January 2002

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