

3 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS - CLOSURE AND LANDSCAPING OF SITES (AN463-2005)

Over the last few years a number of children's playgrounds have been closed or reduced in size as part of the Council's programme on the rationalisation of playgrounds. A few former sites still exist as tarmac areas minus any play equipment and would now benefit from being landscaped by removal of hard surfacing, topsoiling and grassing these areas to simplify landscape maintenance in the area. The following sites are included:-

1	Kinneff Crescent/ Garvock Place (Brackens)	-	play equipment already removed, area to be landscaped at a cost of	£5,124
2	Catterline Crescent (Brackens)	-	play equipment already removed, area to be landscaped including seating at a cost of	£1,860
3	Elie Avenue/Falkland Crescent	-	play equipment already removed, area to be landscaped at a cost of	£1,526
4	Martingale Gardens	-	play equipment already removed, area to be landscaped at a cost of	£2,190

The site at Halley Place still has play equipment on site and after consultation with the local elected member, it is proposed that this play area be closed, the equipment removed and the areas landscaped at a cost of £1,350.

Three sites will remain as playgrounds and have already been partly modernised but require some improvements to the surrounding landscape. The following sites are included:-

1	Sandeman Street Open Space and Playground	-	playground will remain open - removal of shrubs, landscaping and fence repairs at a cost of	£4,500
2	Milnbank Road - Playground	-	playground will remain open - provision of seating, litter bins and patio planters at a cost of	£2,000
3	Carlochie Place - Playground	-	playground will remain open - provision of kickabout area, fencing works and seating at a cost of	<u>£10,500</u>
TOTAL COST				<u>£29,050</u>

This work is estimated to cost £29,050 and can be met from the provision of £50,000 allowed for the landscaping of playgrounds under Quality of Life Funding in 2005/2006.

It is recommended that Dundee Contract Services carry out the works at these sites at an estimated cost of £29,050.