

2 WHITFIELD GREEN PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS (AN9-2015)

Reference is made to Article I of the minute of meeting of the Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee of 7th December, 2009, which approved the adoption of the Dundee Partnership Outdoor Play and Youth Area Strategy as a framework for the management of Dundee's outdoor play and youth area provision. This Strategy identified gaps in the equipped play provision in East Whitfield and identified Whitfield as an area for strategic targeted improvements.

In conjunction with the Whitfield Development Group, design proposals have been finalised for the improvement of Whitfield Green Neighbourhood Equipped Area For Play. The design and specification was developed by the Council in partnership with the Group. The Council have also agreed a lease with the Group, for the use of the ground.

Tenders have been sought for the supply and construction of the various improvements to the existing play area within Whitfield as part of the Regeneration of Whitfield. The tenders have been obtained through the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) Portal by the Corporate Procurement Team for the works to be undertaken on behalf of the Whitfield Development Group.

Competitive tenders were sought via an open tender procedure through the Public Contracts Scotland portal for carrying out the works on behalf of the Whitfield Development Group. The lowest tender offer from T. & N. Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd has been further value engineered to bring it within the project budget and a revised offer of £248,456 received.

In addition, allowances of £3,544 for professional fees should be made giving an overall project cost of £252,000. Following a successful funding application to the Big Lottery by the Whitfield Development Group, the Group were awarded a grant of £250,000 (inclusive of VAT). The contract works and legal costs are to be funded entirely through the Lottery funding and the above offer, inclusive of VAT, has been agreed with the Big Lottery Fund.

It is noted that 'in-kind' support has been provided by the Environment Department for the design and management of the project. In addition to this 'in-kind' support, an allowance of £2,000 for the payment of CDM co-ordinator fees is required from Dundee City Council.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above contribution can be met from allowances within the Capital Plan 2014/15 for Environmental Improvements Parks and Open Spaces,

It is recommended that committee notes the progress made to date, authorises the letting of the above contract on behalf of the Whitfield Development Group and approves the contributions from Dundee City Council to the project.