

**ITEM No ...5.....****REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 27 SEPTEMBER 2021****REPORT ON: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS WORKS 2021/2022****REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES****REPORT NO. 265-2021****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To gain Committee approval for further Environmental Improvements as part of the 2021/22 programme.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the projects below at:-

<b>Project Reference and Project Description</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Project No. C2100007 Play Area Improvements – various	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	£40,000	N/A	£40,000
Project No. C2100011 Strathmartine Play Area Improvements	Scotplay Ltd Sutcliffe Play Ltd	£82,294	N/A	£82,294
Project No. C2100012 Dundee City West Greater Balgay Capital works: Phase 1	Neighbourhood Services	£12,405	£1,862	£14,267
Project No. C2100008 Spend to Save: Phase 2 - various	Neighbourhood Services	£56,867	£8,530	£65,397
Project No. C2100009 Community Allotments	Neighbourhood Services	£31,672	£4,751	£36,423
Project No. C2100010 Allotment Security	P&G Blacksmiths	£22,740	£3,411	£26,151
Project No. C2100013 Lily Walker Therapeutic Garden	Neighbourhood Services	£21,635	£3,245	£24,880
Project No. C2100019 Scottish Government Capital Allocation for renewal of Play Parks	Allplay (Ireland) Ltd Kompan Scotland Ltd HAGS SMP Ltd Jupiter Play and Leisure Ltd Russell Leisure Ltd Scotplay and Sports Ltd Sutcliffe Play Ltd	£124,994	N/A	£124,994

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### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that funding for the above projects is available through the Capital Plan 2021-2026 as detailed on the attached sheets.

### **4. MAIN TEXT**

- 4.1 Reference is made to Item (V) of the Minute of the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 7 December 2015 Street Cleaning and Open Space Management review Report Number 438-2015, where there was agreement to introduce a programme of capital expenditure projects focused on environmental improvement. The proposed projects have been designed to improve and enhance the play provision for residents across Dundee.
- 4.2 These projects have been developed in consultation with Community Officers and local groups as appropriate and will comprise a number of improvements across the City.

### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at [www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports).

### **6. CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

### **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

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26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Appendix 1**

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>
<p>PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT</p> <p>PROJECT INFORMATION</p> <p>ESTIMATED START DATE COMPLETION DATE</p>	<p>C2100007 <b>Play Area Improvements – various</b></p> <p><b>Fintryside</b> Installation of steel Adventure trail to include balance beam, chin up bars, monkey bars, stepping pods, mini net twist and gate climber.</p> <p><b>Fintry Drive</b> Installation of steel Adventure trail to include balance beam, chin up bars, monkey bars, stepping pods, mini net twist and gate climber.</p> <p><b>Baxter Park</b> Installation of Robinia Adventure trail to include Sommersault Bars, stilts, Stepping posts, Balance Beams, Monkey Bar, Trail -Wobble Bridge and appropriate safety surfacing.</p> <p>January 2022 March 2022</p>	<p>C2100011 <b>Strathmartine Ward Play Area Improvements</b></p> <p><b>Keswick Terrace</b> Upgrade of existing play area to include seesaw, swings, springer, inclusive roundabout, play panels, mirror panel, litter bin and appropriate safety surfacing.</p> <p><b>St. Kilda Road</b> Installation of Robinia Adventure trail to include, Sommersault Bars, The Scissors Logs, Balance Beam, Monkey Bar, Trail -Wobble Bridge and appropriate safety surfacing.</p> <p><b>Thorton Road</b> Installation of additional steel adventure trail to complement existing equipment, i.e. City Burma bridge and City Shuffle bars and appropriate safety surfacing.</p> <p>January 2022 March 2022</p>
TOTAL COST	£40,000	£82,294
FUNDING SOURCE	Capital Plan 2021-26/Health, Care & Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (Play Framework Improvements)	Capital Plan 2020-26/Building Strong Communities - Non-Housing HRA element/Community Regeneration Fund
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2021/2022	2021/2022
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None

TENDERS	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>	<b>Quality Ranking</b>	<b>Cost Ranking</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>	<b>Quality Ranking</b>	<b>Cost Ranking</b>
	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	Mini competition	1	1	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	Mini competition	1	1
	Offer			£40,000	Offer			£61,500
					Scotplay Ltd:	Direct Award		£ 5,794
				Sutcliffe Play Ltd:	Direct Award		£15,000	
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer				Acceptance of offer			
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None				None			
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None				None			

<b><u>CLIENT</u></b>	<b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u></b>	<b><u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u></b>
PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT	C2100012 <b>Dundee City West Greater Balgay Capital works: Phase 1</b>	C2100008 <b>Spend to Save: Phase 2</b>
PROJECT INFORMATION	Tree works will include thinning of compartments on the south slopes of the hill and planting of a mixture of tree species and sizes to diversify the woodland and canopy and fill gaps left by wind damage. A further phase is programmed for 2022 which will include new steps in several path sections, upgrading of paths to encourage people to use these rather the road. A new path with also connect the community to the east with the park. New interpretation is also part of this phase with 3 new signs including information about the tree and wildlife to be found in the area.	It is proposed to implement a series of individual projects throughout the city improving and enhancing open spaces to make them safer and more attractive places to enjoy. Upon completion of works, the following areas will be enhanced:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stannergate: Grassy beach benches: Installation of concrete pads around benches to improve maintenance access.</li> <li>• Kinloch Terrace: Removal of shrub beds and grass area.</li> <li>• Fintry Gardens Play Area removal: Removal of under utilised play area following consultation with the local community due to ongoing antisocial behaviour, (n.b. installation of replacement adventure trail equipment at Fintryside and Fintry Drive play areas.)</li> <li>• Whitfield Skate Park (Phase 1) Creation of grass mounding at ramp areas to improve the wider play areas aesthetically.</li> <li>• Cox's Stack: Removal of shrub beds, steps refurbishment and tree planting.</li> <li>• Former Rosebank PS: Removal of rock armour, replacing with wooden bollards, tree works, refurbishment of steps and paths.</li> <li>• Linton Road: Removal of rock armour, replacing with wooden bollards.</li> <li>• Play Area adjacent to Rowantree P.S.: Installation of pedestrian grid surrounding new planters.</li> </ul>

ESTIMATED START DATE	October 2021	October 2021
COMPLETION DATE	March 2022	March 2022
TOTAL COST	£14,267	£65,397
FUNDING SOURCE	Capital Plan 2020-26/Building Strong Communities - Non-Housing HRA element/Community Regeneration Fund £10,400 Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT) £3,867	Capital Plan 2021-26/Health, Care & Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (Spend to Save)
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2021/2022	2021/2022
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None
TENDERS	NeighbourhoodServices: £14,267	Neighbourhood Services: £65,397
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer	Acceptance of offer
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	None

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>
PROJECT NUMBER	C2100009	C2100010
PROJECT	<b>Community Allotments</b>	<b>Allotment Security</b>
PROJECT INFORMATION	Installation of DDA compliant Cedex path network at both Fintry Community Garden and Whitfield Community Garden (former Bowling Green). The new paths will inform new raised planter layouts.	Allotment Security Old Craigie Allotments – Fencing Works Magdalen Green – Replacement Gate
ESTIMATED START DATE	October 2021	October 2021
COMPLETION DATE	March 2022	March 2022
TOTAL COST	£36,423	£26,151

FUNDING SOURCE	Capital Plan 2021-26/ Health, Care & Wellbeing /Parks & Open Spaces (Community Allotments) £30,000 Capital Plan 2021-26/ Health, Care & Wellbeing /Parks & Open Spaces Allotment Security) £6,423	Capital Plan 2021-26/ Health, Care & Wellbeing /Parks & Open Spaces (Allotment Security) £26,151
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2021/2022	2021/2022
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None
TENDERS	Neighbourhood Services £36,423	P&G Blacksmiths £22,740 Neighbourhood Services £3,411
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offers	Acceptance of offers
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	None

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PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT	C2100013 <b>Lily Walker Therapeutic Garden</b>	C2100019 <b>Scottish Government Capital Allocation for renewal of Play Parks</b>
PROJECT INFORMATION	Transformation of underutilised space into an attractive therapeutic garden for DCC Homeless Reception Centre. The project will create an appropriate garden for food-growing, biodiversity and create a therapeutic environment to rear of the centre, with the aim of improving the mental health of residents and staff, providing a space for residents to acquire new skills. Planters, seating, a pond, fruit trees and bushes, a shelter and a picnic table will be installed.	In August 2021, Dundee was allocated £125,000 from Scottish Government to commence a programme of renewal of public play areas (0-14 years only) within the local authority area. It has been confirmed that the full allocation must be spent this financial year. Environment Service commenced a Play Audit in August 2021. The audit consists of surveying each play area for 0-14 years (excluding schools) in Dundee and considers the following:-  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Play area type, i.e. NEAP, LEAP or LAP</li> <li>· Initial Impression, e.g. access, welcoming, open views, litter, vandalism</li> <li>· Equipment types</li> <li>· Health and Safety, e.g. condition of equipment, safe access, condition of site.</li> <li>· Location, e.g. well used, proximity of schools and residential areas</li> <li>· SIMD data zones</li> </ul>

		<p>The survey work is close to completion. Officers will then review all findings holistically and produce a report for further consideration at a future Neighbourhood Services Committee which indicates priorities for investment. Due to current lead in delivery timescales (approximately 20 weeks), the purchase of Core Item equipment via Direct Award from Scotland Excel Play Framework (Supply and Deliver) to the value of £125,000 is proposed. The equipment includes a selection of swings, slides, climbing nets and frames and inclusive roundabouts. The Play Audit findings will inform where the play equipment will be installed during 2022/23, subject to further approval of the Neighbourhood Services Committee.</p> <p>A further allocation for Dundee is expected from the remainder of the £55 million funding in future years. The extent of renewal and refurbishment will vary across the whole play estate and will be influenced by local plans and investment priorities and engagement with children and young people.</p>												
ESTIMATED START DATE	October 2021 March 2022	October 2021 March 2022												
TOTAL COST	£24,880	£124,994												
FUNDING SOURCE	Capital Plan 2021-26/Health, Care and Wellbeing/Parks & Open Spaces (General) £14,880	Capital Plan 2021-26 - Health, Care and Wellbeing - Scottish Government Renewal of Play Parks Funding. £124,994												
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	Capital Plan 2020-26/Building Strong Communities - Non-Housing HRA element/Community Regeneration Fund £10,000 2021/2022	2021/2022												
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	None												
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues	There are no major issues												
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	None												
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		Jupiter Play and Leisure Ltd	Direct Award	£12,108
		Russell Leisure Ltd	Direct Award	£14,851
		Scotplay and Sports Ltd	Direct Award	£13,273
		Sutcliffe Play Ltd	Direct Award	£26,887
		Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Direct Award	£18,290
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer	Acceptance of offer		
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	None		
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	None		