DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

- REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee 26 June 2006
- **REPORT ON: Baxter Park Restoration Plan Play Area**
- **REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Communities
- **REPORT NO: 383-2006**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the construction of a new Play Area as part of the Baxter Park Restoration Plan.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

The committee is recommended to:

2.1 Accept the offer of £104,642 from T&N Gilmartin for Baxter Park Restoration - Play Area. It is also recommended that a contingency of £5,232 be added due to the nature of the work giving a total cost of £109,874.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The construction of the play area is part of Baxter Park Restoration Plan, which is funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and the Leisure and Communities Department.

The total cost of the Baxter Park Restoration project is £3,558,000 and will be funded as follows:

Heritage Lottery Fund Historic Scotland Web project	2,839,000 275,000 10,000
	£3,124,000
Leisure and Communities Department Capital Budget 2001/02 – 2006/07	434,000
	<u>£3,558,000</u>

The expenditure detailed in this report will be met from the above.

4.0 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.
- 4.2 The main safety surface being used is made from recycled rubber.

5.0 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.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The tender is for the construction of a new Play Area in Baxter Park which includes two separate play zones with play equipment suitable for a range of ages. New safety surface will be laid under equipment.
- 6.2 Six contractors were invited to tender as follows:

Contractor T&N Gilmartin	Tender price £109,874.58	Checked price
Dundee Contract Services	£127,533.02	
Land and Building	£128,210.54	£129,621.74
Torith Ltd	£135,107.78	
Dundee Plant Company Ltd	£168,979.46	
The Play Practice	No Tender Returned	

The lowest three tenders were checked and corrected as shown. The lowest tender was deemed to be fair and reasonable and is recommended for acceptance.

6.3 A contingency of £5,232 is included due to the nature of the work.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

STEWART MURDOCH DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES 30 MAY 2006