

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 26th October 2009

REPORT ON: Outdoor Access Improvement Works 2009

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 503-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to approve tenders for Outdoor Access Improvement Works targeted at the Green Circular route and Balgay Park.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the quotation submitted by Land and Building Services.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This expenditure totalling £41,000 can be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's 2009/10 Capital Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004, which allows for ongoing improvements to the Green Circular and improving access to it, and to Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005 when approval was given for Dundee's Outdoor Access Strategy. The proposed improvement works are to be carried out in line with this strategy.
- 4.2 A recent audit of the Green Circular route highlighted areas where work is required to improve the standard of the route and enhance safety. The work includes replacing bollards and barriers, and improving signage along the route.
- 4.3 To improve safety, work is required on the steps at Balgay Park leading from the recently refurbished footbridge to the observatory and to the main path network. The steps will be resurfaced and a handrail will be installed to increase accessibility.
- 4.4 Tender documentation was sent to 7 companies and 6 were returned. This is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.5 The tender amount submitted by Land and Building Services is £37,740. In addition to this a contingency of £3,260 is to be added, this is to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to deal with any unforeseen problems e.g. unknown ground conditions resulting in an extended time for contractors on site. In the event of this contingency not being required, it will then be used to complete further step improvement works at Balgay Hill using the rates as detailed by the contractor for the approved tender.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability,

Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), and Director of Finance, have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 The following background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report:
Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Committee of 15 March 2004
Article IV of the Policy and Resources Committee of 15 August 2005

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Company	Tender Amount
Land and Building Services 129 South Road Dundee DD2 3EP	£37,740.08
T & N Gilmartin (Contractors) Ltd Gilliesfaulds Farm Cupar Fife KY15 4HX	£42,320.84
DJ Laing Laing House Panmure Industrial Estate Carnoustie Angus DD7 7NP	£44,921.56
W H Brown Construction (Dundee) Ltd Ainslie St. West Pitkerro Ind Est Dundee DD5 3RR	£45,955.92
John D Minto & partners Ltd Civil Engineers Sidlo Backmuir of Liff Muirhead Dundee DD2 5QT	£64,955.91
Dundee Plant Co Ltd. Longtown St. Dundee DD4 8LF	£66,658.36