

REPORT TO: Housing, Dundee Contract Services & Environment Services Committee - 24th November 2008

REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements and Public Open Space Improvements 2008/2009

REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services

REPORT NO.: 595-2008

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain approval to carry out improvements to Play Areas and Public Open Spaces for 2008/2009. Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve:-

- 2.1 The improvements to the Fintryside and Sandeman Street Playgrounds. Along with improvements to Public Open Spaces at Lawside Avenue, Forthill Park (B/Ferry), Kirk Street and Sandeman Street/Tannadice Street. Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The work to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services at an estimated cost of £99,100.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The above cost of £99,100 can be funded from the provision within the Capital Budget for Playground Improvements and Public Open Spaces 2008/2009.

4. MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 The proposals for the Playground Improvements to Fintryside and Sandeman Street form part of the overall planned improvements for the phased upgrading of playgrounds and completes the programme of works identified in Report No. 317-2000.

Proposals for both playgrounds have been drawn up in consultation with local community groups and local residents.

- 4.2 The proposals for both playgrounds will assist the regeneration and enhancement of the sites and will provide much improved play facilities for the community. These proposals will ensure that health and safety legislation continues to be met. Appendix 1 describes the proposals along with a description of the works and cost estimates.

- 4.3 The proposal to carry out Public Open Space Environmental Improvements at a number of locations has been developed to address existing health and safety concerns and to enhance the amenity of these areas. The proposed measures will also help to reduce the long term future maintenance responsibility.

Appendix 1 refers to table of projects for descriptions and cost implications.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 The proposals will enhance areas of open space and provide a safe and enhanced environmental quality, promoting leisure opportunities and encourage healthy living.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance were consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement..

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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Date: 11.11.08

APPENDIX 1

<i>Capital Improvements</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Description</i>
Playground Improvements	Fintryside Playground (rear of 110 Fintryside)	£26,250.00	Removal and installation of upgraded/new playground equipment, including swings, roundabout, slide, litter bins and safety surface.
	Sandeman Street Playground	£23,150.00	Removal and installation of upgraded/new playground equipment, including ascent climbing wall, rotator, roundabout, swings, seating, litter bins and safety surface.
Public Open Spaces Improvements	Sandeman Street/Tannadice Street	£3,100	Removal of large shrub bed areas, and creation of smaller shrub bed and planted areas. Grass over remaining area.
	Lawside Avenue	£28,300	Replacement of existing shrub bed. Installation of retaining wall and replacements of existing steps and handrail.
	Forthill Park (Broughty Ferry)	£12,000	Remove and replace slabbed access path with asphalt path, reinstatement of soft landscaping and grass.
	Kirk Street (Lochee)	£6,300	Removal of existing rose bed and replace with new shrub planting.
Budget Total		£99,100.00	