

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 17TH OCTOBER, 2005

**REPORT ON: Huntly Square Shopping Parade
Alterations to Shop Units
Contract Nr.05-4501**

REPORT BY: Director of Economic Development and City Architectural Services Officer

REPORT NO: 624-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the alterations to the shop units.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended of :-

- a) alteration to the Shop Units at Huntly Square at an estimated total cost of £175,000 inclusive of professional fees.
- b) the City Architectural Services Officer being authorised to negotiate a contract within the overall allowance under a partnering arrangement with Torith Ltd and the Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Economic Development to accept the offer recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Finance has confirmed that this expenditure can be met from the allowance for Shopping Parade Improvements contained within Economic Development Capital Plan 2005/2006.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The works will provide improved access for the disabled to the premises.

6.0 TENDER REPORT

6.1 The proposed works are part of the 5 year plan for Shopping Parade Improvements.

6.2 It is proposed that the City Architectural Services Officer be authorised to negotiate under a partnering arrangement a contract not exceeding £175,000 with Torith Ltd who have successfully completed similar projects.

If agreed to this will result in the following costs:-

Several Works	Torith Ltd	£151,250
Allowance for	Professional Services	£ 22,480
	Planning Supervisor	<u>£ 1,270</u>
		<u>£175,000</u>

7.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Support Services have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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30th September, 2005

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