

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee – Monday 20th October 2003

REPORT ON: Black Street Environmental Improvements

REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services

REPORT NO.: 628-2003

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To outline proposals and obtain approval for the Environmental Improvements to the Black Street Open Space.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are asked to approve the proposal as detailed in the report.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the proposed works are carried out by Dundee Contract Services, at an estimated cost of £55,000.
- 2.3 Approve a contribution of £10,000 from the Chief Executive's Health and Safety Capital budget.
- 2.4 Approve a contribution of £20,000 from the Economic Development Department.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The estimated costs of £55,000 can be funded as follows:-

Quality of Life Fund 2003/2004 – Public Open Space Improvements	£25,000.00
Economic Development Department's Capital Budget 2003/2004	£20,000.00
Chief Executive's Health & Safety Capital Budget 2003/2004	<u>£10,000.00</u>
	<u>£55,000.00</u>

3.2 There are no additional maintenance costs as a result of these proposals.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 To address the needs of local communities to be met locally and to create a safe, clean and pleasant environment and open space.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Discussions have taken place with various Council departments, Tayside Police, Dundee Community Safety Partnership, the Ward Councillor and local residents on proposals to re-landscape the Black Street Open Space.
- 6.2 The open space includes a derelict playground, kickabout area, seating and landscaping and has over the years deteriorated and been a source of anti social behaviour. Over the past few months, officers, organisations and residents have met to discuss ways to resolve these issues and create a safe, pleasant and functional open space of benefit to the local community.
- 6.3 The proposals include the removal of the derelict playground, walls and planting by re-landscaping the site and open it up to provide a safer environment. Large grass areas will be created with small low planted areas, extra heavy standard trees planted and street lighting provided.
- 6.4 The estimated cost of the works to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services are as follows:-

Ground works including levelling, removal of walls etc.	£25,730.00
Removal of planting	£ 2,750.00
Topsoiling	£ 1,650.00
Planting of trees, shrubs and hedges	£13,700.00
Grassing	£ 1,170.00
Lighting	<u>£10,000.00</u>
Total	<u>£55,000.00</u>

- 6.5 Economic Development Department as site owners have agreed a contribution of £20,000 from their Capital Budget. £10,000 for the street lighting can be funded from the Chief Executive's Health & Safety Capital Budget and the remaining £25,000 can be met from the allowance of £25,000 under the Quality of Life Projects for Public Open Space Improvements all in 2003/2004.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Communities, Director of Economic Development and Director of Leisure and Arts have been consulted on the proposed works.

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