

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 20 October 2003

REPORT ON: Balgay Park – Community Project Enhancements To Balgay Hill

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 677-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to proceed with phase 1 of the Improvements to Balgay Hill including approval of quotations for supply and services for various works and to agree to the assistance from a number of community groups to undertake certain aspects of the work.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that approval be given to Phase 1 of Improvements to Balgay Hill which will involve a partnership between community groups and the Leisure & Arts Department. The works will include landscape restoration, creation of a viewpoint and planet trail.
- 2.2 The quotes from specialist suppliers as outlined in 6.3 for the supply of planting materials and totalling £4,885 be accepted.
- 2.3 The quotation of £5,109.82 from Dundee Contract Services for specialist tree works be accepted.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of £9,995 can be met from the allowance of £10,000 in the Leisure & Arts Department's 2003/04 Capital Budget.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposals contribute to biological diversity and will involve the recycling of materials, where appropriate.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 NONE

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Proposals

It is proposed that the area previously used as a store for leaf mould at the summit of Balgay Hill be improved through the creation of a viewpoint, seating area, planet trail, landscaping and removal of dead and inappropriate tree varieties at Balgay Hill. The Leisure & Arts Countryside Ranger Section will work with community groups and local schools in respect of tasks such as bulb planting, tree planting and other general tasks to assist in developing the link between the Park and the community.

- 6.2 A quotation of £5,109.82 has been received from Dundee Contract Services for the felling and removal of the dead and damaged trees not native to the site. This will create opportunities for regeneration of native species and open up viewpoint at the summit.

It is recommended that this quote be accepted.

- 6.3 Quotations were also sought for various materials required for the project and which would be used by the community groups including:

Ferns and Bulbs	Y Felin Whitland Carmarthenshire	£ 322.50
Native Wildflowers	Var Scotica Kirkmichael Perthshire	£ 360.00
Interpretation Signs	Keillor Graphics Arbroath	£ 2,420.00
Wildflower Seeds	Scotia Seeds Brechtin Angus	£ 202.50
Contingencies for miscellaneous materials		<u>£ 1,580.00</u> <u>£4,885.00</u>

It is recommended that the above quotes are accepted.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), 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

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