

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 19 December 2005

REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements Phase VI

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 733-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval to appoint Play Practise to undertake Phase VI of the Play Area Improvements Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Accept the offer of £84,289 from Play Practise as specialist suppliers for the design, supply and construction of the Play Area Improvements Phase VI.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total cost of £84,289 can be met from the 2005/06 Capital Budget allocated to Leisure and Arts (£63,000) and the Quality of Life funding available in 2005/06 (£21,289).

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Where possible, play equipment will be refurbished and reinstated and equipment that is beyond repair can be used for spare parts. This will ensure that removal of the play equipment does not create a problem of excessive disposal of materials and the environmental implications that may result.
- 4.2 All materials will be sourced from renewable resources where possible and safety surfacing will be of recycled material.
- 4.3 The resulting play areas after refurbishment will be a safe and secure local asset to Dundee.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The refurbished Play Areas will be integrated as far as possible to ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the facility and enjoy a fulfilling play environment.
- 5.2 Play facilities will be provided to interest children and young people of all ages.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article VI of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 20 June 2005 when members agreed to the play areas being upgraded under Phase VI of the Play Areas Improvement Programme.

6.2 The Committee is recommended to accept Play Practise as the specialist contractor for Play Area Improvements Phase VI due to their previous design and build experience, quality of workmanship, efficiency and cost effectiveness.

6.3 Phase VI Play Area Improvements includes new safety surfacing, fencing where required, installation of new play equipment or removal of old play equipment where appropriate and painting and refurbishment of equipment where necessary to the following play areas:

Orchar Park Play Area and Claypotts Park

6.4 The cost for the project includes for the following:

- Design, supply costings and contract management
- Equipment, surfacing, fencing and groundworks

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Dundee Contract Services have been consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The following background papers were relied upon in the preparation of this report: Article IV of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 19 April 2004.

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