

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

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

REPORT ON: Beautiful Scotland in Bloom

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 736-2005

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Committee approval to take forward proposals for Dundee's future entry in the Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Competition.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Dundee submits an entry for Scotland in Bloom 2006.
- 2.2 That a Beautiful Scotland in Bloom Committee is formed to co-ordinate Dundee's entry for 2006 and that members of the Committee be invited from a wide range of organisations within Dundee.
- 2.3 To give the Director of Leisure and Communities the authority to seek additional external funding, including grants or sponsorship to improve the potential for Dundee's entry in Beautiful Scotland in Bloom.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is no cost to the Council to enter the competition and all work undertaken would come from existing revenue budgets. Where possible external funding will be sought to supplement this project.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Beautiful Scotland in Bloom recognises each applicant's continuation to sustainable development.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The continued improvement of floral and environmental features within the City are accessible to all.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article VIII of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee of 21 March 2005 which noted that Dundee had been encouraged to enter for the first time.

- 6.2 At the Scotland in Bloom Awards Ceremony in 2005, Dundee received the following three awards:

The Urban Regeneration Award – Ardler
The Best New Entrant Award – Dundee
The Wright Award for Sustainable Development – Dundee City Council

- 6.3 The success in winning the above awards had been achieved through the co-ordination of a small working group of Council Officers liaising with representatives of Local Community Groups.
- 6.4 To take forward further entries in Beautiful Scotland in Bloom for Dundee, a wider committee, which will attract members from organisations in Dundee, eg Chamber of Commerce, Community Groups, Business Leaders, City Centre Traders, Dundee Hoteliers, Churches and Schools as well as local community groups, should be formed chaired by the Convener of Leisure and Arts.
- 6.5 Invitations to be extended to the above groups to form a committee chaired by the Convener of the Leisure and Arts Services Committee.

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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