

REPORT TO: DSO Committee – 11 November 2002

REPORT ON: Dundee Law - Environmental Improvements

REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services

REPORT NO.: 784 - 2002

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain approval of the proposals to carry out Environmental Improvements on the Law and to landscape the derelict site at the junction of Kinpurnie Place and Law Crescent.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the proposals as detailed in the report.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the proposed works are carried out by Dundee Contract Services Contracting Section at an estimated cost of £45,000.
- 2.3 Future maintenance costs will be met from the Dundee Contract Services Grounds Maintenance Client's Revenue Estimates.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed costs of £45,000 can be met from Dundee Contract Services share of the £2.9m additional resources provided by the Scottish Executive.
- 3.2 The future maintenance cost is estimated at £675 per annum for which provision will be made in Dundee Contract Services Grounds Maintenance Client's Revenue Estimates.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

To address the needs of local communities to be met locally and to create a safe, clean and pleasant environment with improved access to the Law and removal of a derelict site to create an open space.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

None.

6. BACKGROUND

6.1 Reference is made to the Policy & Resources Committee of 9th September 2002 when that committee approved a programme of proposals to be funded from the additional £2.9m received from the Scottish Executive. One of the approved projects is for environmental improvements on the Law.

6.2 The proposals fall into two main areas.

6.2.1 Law bounded by Law Crescent and Kinghorne Road.

The works include repairs to Law Road, repairs to footpaths, steps and trails up and around the Law by strimming of overgrown vegetation, tree thinning and grass maintenance.

The works will improve access and the general environment of the Law encouraging a more manageable vegetation and improved amenity, especially around the War Memorial and Viewpoint.

6.2.2 The derelict lock-up site at the junction of Law Crescent and Kinpurnie.

This Council former site of lock-ups are now demolished and the area has become an eyesore with people dumping rubbish. It is proposed to break up the concrete bases of the lock-ups, grade the site and add top soil and Discovery compost to grass the whole area to create a useable open space. The site will be finished off with tree planting and a trip rail round the site.

6.3 After completion of the works the areas will be included for regular maintenance thereafter by Dundee Contract Services. There are no additional revenue implications as far as the works on the Law are concerned but the annual maintenance cost for the site at Kinpurnie Place and Law Crescent is estimated at £675 per annum for which provision will be made in the Department's Revenue Estimates.

6.4 The estimated costs of the work to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services are as follows:-

Landscape site at Law Crescent/Kinpurnie Place	-	£13,900
Improvements to the Law – path and step repairs, shrub planting, various trimming works	-	£ 9,400
Repair pot holes on Law Road	-	£ 4,400
Repair gulleys on Law Road	-	£ 2,800
Install seat surrounds/bases	-	£ 2,600
Tree thinning, pruning and replanting	-	£11,900

Total Cost £45,000
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7. CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Housing have been consulted on the proposed works.

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DATE: 4th November 2002