

City Chambers
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1st February, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

You are requested to attend a MEETING of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held in the City Chambers, City Square, Dundee on Monday 11th February, 2013 to follow the meeting of the City Council called for 6.00 pm.

Yours faithfully

DAVID K DORWARD

Chief Executive

AGENDA OF BUSINESS

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are reminded that, in terms of The Councillors Code, it is their responsibility to make decisions about whether to declare an interest in any item on this agenda and whether to take part in any discussions or voting.

This will include all interests, whether or not entered on your Register of Interests, which would reasonably be regarded as so significant that they are likely to prejudice your discussion or decision-making.

2 TENDERS RECEIVED BY CITY ENGINEER

(Report No 19-2013 by City Engineer enclosed).

3 AIR QUALITY MONITORING UPDATE (AN15-2013)

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 places a statutory requirement on local authorities to monitor and manage air quality within their areas. The initial scope of Dundee City Council's air quality monitoring and action management strategy is set out in its Air Quality Management Area Order (Committee Report 108/2006 - Environment Committee 20th February, 2006 refers). An annual update and progress report are provided within the 2012 Air Quality Updating and Screening Assessment and Air Quality Action Plan Progress report. Copies of these documents have been provided to the Leader of the Labour Group, Bailie Borthwick, Bailie Scott and Councillor Macpherson. These reports have been submitted to the Scottish Government and SEPA as statutory consultees and both have confirmed their agreement to their contents.

Actions arising from the above include:-

- Continuing with the work of the Council's Corporate Air Quality Steering Group to allow a joint approach in providing air quality improvements via road infrastructure alterations, the use of green fleet and implementation of staff travel plans;
- Further detailed air quality monitoring where air quality breaches have occurred, including the north-west arterial corridor and Seagate; and
- Varying the monitoring requirements of the existing AQMA Order to include the hourly mean objective for nitrogen dioxide to allow more detailed information to be gathered.

Committee is asked to note the contents of the above report and approve the variation to the AQMA Order to incorporate reference to recording hourly mean information.

4 ASH DIEBACK (AN16-2013)

As members of this committee will be aware, Ash dieback was found in the UK in 2012. Following a rapid survey, 291 cases have been identified across the country with 26 cases found in Scotland. The disease, *Chalara fraxinea*, has been confirmed in nurseries, new plantings and on well established trees. Although no cases have been found in Dundee yet, there is evidence of infection in newly planted woodland in Angus and Fife. With the proximity of infections, it is likely that *C. fraxinea* will be found in Dundee over the coming year.

At the end of October 2012 the UK Government imposed an import and movement ban on Ash Trees throughout the UK. It has been practice for many years for the Council to use locally sourced Ash trees, which has avoided cases of infection thus far. Although the disease is known to affect all Ash trees, it is anticipated the disease will affect young trees in the short term.

The UK Government published a *C. Fraxinea* control plan in December 2012. Forestry Commission Scotland will produce an action plan, developed within the framework of the UK plan, later in the year, possibly April. The situation will continue to be monitored within the city and once the Forestry Commission Action Plan is received, a report on the implications for Dundee City Council will be brought back to committee. Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

5 RENAMING OF CAIRD PARK ATHLETIC STADIUM (AN17-2013)

The Committee is asked to note the sad passing of Ronnie McIntosh. Ronnie inspired generations of youngsters in Dundee to get involved with sport and was a strong advocate for improved sports facilities in the city. He was a life member of Hawkhill Harriers serving for many years on their management committee and played a major role in organising numerous events for the club. Ronnie also sat on the Management Committee of Dundee City Disability Sports.

Despite undergoing a kidney transplant and losing both legs and being fitted with prosthetic replacements, his indomitable spirit ensured that his infectious enthusiasm and dedication to the sport of athletics continued unabated. In 2011, he won the Disabled Athlete of the Year Award at the Sunday Mail and **sportscotland** Sports Awards and in 2012 he proudly received the honour of being invited to carry the Olympic Torch through part of the city in recognition of his contribution to sport.

In addition to his contribution to athletics, Ronnie worked tirelessly for charity raising thousands of pounds and acting as a strong advocate for organ donation.

In recognition of his achievements and outstanding contribution to athletics in the city, it is proposed that the Caird Park Athletic Stadium is renamed "The Ronnie McIntosh Athletic Stadium".

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2013
REPORT ON: TENDERS RECEIVED BY CITY ENGINEER
REPORT BY: CITY ENGINEER
REPORT NO: 19-2013

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details tenders received and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Approval is recommended of (1) the acceptance of the tenders submitted by the undernoted contractors and (2) the undernoted total amount, including allowances, for each project.

Project Reference	Project Description	Contractor	Tender Amount	Total Amount	Finance Available
PO8360 – Birkhill Cemetery Northern Extension – Phases 1A and 1B		Tayside Contracts	£241,846.24	£482,000.00	£482,000.00
Total			£241,846.24	£482,000.00	£482,000.00

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that funding for the above project is available as detailed on the attached sheet.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. Any issues are detailed on the attached sheets.

5 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.

7 FURTHER INFORMATION

7.1 Detailed information relating to the above Tenders is included on the attached sheet.

Mike Galloway
Director of City Development

Fergus Wilson
City Engineer

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17 January 2012

Dundee City Council
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CLIENT	Environment Department	
PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT PROJECT INFORMATION	P08360 Birkhill Cemetery Northern Extension – Phases 1A and 1B Provision of new northern extension to existing Birkhill Cemetery off Templeton Road with new extended internal service road, car parking and drainage.	
TOTAL COST	Contract	£241,846.24
	Non Contract Allowances	£180,153.76
	Fees	£60,000.00
	Total	£482,000.00
FUNDING SOURCE	Open Space Capital Plan 2012-2016	
BUDGET PROVISION	2012/13	2013/14
	£133,000.00	£349,000.00
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None	
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	None	
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	To adopt sustainable practices in the design, construction and maintenance of Council Infrastructure and enhance the local environment.	
TENDERS	As part of a Partnership project approved by the Chief Executive, the following offer was received from Tayside Contracts.	
	<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Tender</u>
	Tayside Contracts	£241,846.24
RECOMMENDATION	To accept the offer from Tayside Contracts.	
ALLOWANCES	Contingencies	£30,153.76
	Public Utilities	£150,000.00
	Professional Fees	£58,000.00
	CDM Co-ordinator	£2,000.00
	Total	£240,153.76
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None.	