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WATERFRONT WORKS

THE £1BILLION transformation of Dundee's waterfront is continuing to take shape as work on two separate elements gets underway.

More than £400,000 of activity has been approved at Slessor Gardens, at the rear of the Caird Hall and to replace dock gates at Camperdown Dock.

Will Dawson convener of Dundee City Council's city development committee said: "With a project as large, complex and lengthy as the redevelopment of the Waterfront each element that is started or finished becomes something of a milestone.

"Taken together these two contracts represent highly visible and therefore tangible areas of work that the Dundee public can engage with and see for themselves the massive changes that are going on. It is a great thing to be a part of such a monumental transformation and to be there when each element is put into place."

Work at Slessor Gardens, costing £250,000, will include the creation of the Discovery Walk of Fame, the commemorative Royal Arch of trees and associated lighting, the outline formation of the Waterfront Showcase Gardens, enhanced landscaping and planting adjacent to the Tay Road Bridge, the Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) pond, feature lighting, seating, sculpture and gardens.

Contractors Sir Robert McAlpine, who have already carried out a number of elements of the Waterfront project were awarded the contract, which is due to be completed in January next year.

Meanwhile as part of the City Quay Marina development the existing dock gates to Camperdown Docks will be replaced.

The current set up is no longer fully functional or appropriate for a marina and as a result tenders were issued to 11 specialist consultants with four offers received.

The winning bid was submitted by Mott MacDonald. with the total expenditure of £150,000, to include fees and specialist professional and technical services.

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Editors Notes

Dundee Waterfront is a £1 billion award-winning regeneration project that is transforming 240 acres of land along 8km of the River Tay. Dundee Waterfront is split into 5 distinct zones and is now well past the halfway mark, with over £500m of committed investment. Most of the major infrastructure works – roads, utilities, demolition, landscaping – have been completed and the ‘build’ phase is well underway with a growing community of businesses and residents moving into the Waterfront area. Investors, developers, entrepreneurs and financiers are responding to calls for businesses to invest in the city and capitalise on £1 billion of tourism spending forecast during the next ten years. The Waterfront skyline will change with the construction of a new railway station, V&A Museum of Design Dundee, a new marina, port developments, offices, hotels, bars, shops, cafes and residential accommodation. Around 7000 new jobs will be created, providing a wide range of new opportunities for young people seeking training and employment. Dundee Waterfront is a partnership between Dundee City Council and Scottish Enterprise. www.dundeewaterfront.com @ddwaterfront

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