

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES BY
THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010**

Question

“Can the Minister confirm that no detailed design work has been carried out on the Town Park?

Would he advise the name of the consultants who are carrying out preliminary work on the design, what work it is that they are doing and the cost of this work?

Can the Minister explain to the Assembly how consultants undertaking this work does not prejudice the eventual appointment of a team to do the actual work of designing the Park?”

Answer

As part of previous attempts to progress the Town Park various schemes have been drawn up to assist in visualising how the Park might look or for assistance in budgeting purposes. None of these schemes have been progressed further than concept design.

Transport and Technical Services, in consultation with Planning and Environment, have appointed a landscape architect called Burns and Nice who have extensive experience in urban park design. Burns and Nice are currently working with TTS in finalising the public consultation process for the Park design which will commence in July.

I am unable to provide the figure for the cost of the Park design as this is commercially sensitive information, but I can confirm that this figure has been competitively tendered and is a fixed fee for the full design and delivery of the Park.

As noted above, the contract for the Park design has already been tendered and won by Burns and Nice. However, it is a requirement of this appointment that the Consultants use local expertise where appropriate and following a recent fee competition a local architect has been appointed to design the structure that will house the toilets and café.