

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	9 JANUARY 2020	8
FAIRHAVEN LAKE – ADVENTURE PLAY AREA PROJECT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report sets out the details of a scheme included in the council's agreed capital programme in 2019/2020 for a new Adventure Play Area to be constructed as part of the NLHF (National Lottery Heritage Fund) restoration works at Fairhaven Lake. The Adventure Play Area will replace the existing junior play area and will be located close to the existing junior skate park in line with the site masterplan.

The opportunity has been tendered as a design competition on the CHEST Procurement Portal; separately from the main NLHF works contract to provide greater value-for-money. This report sets out the context and details the receipt of tenders, tender assessment and makes recommendations to proceed with the project through the letting of the contract to complete the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee are requested:

1. To approve the proposed expenditure in respect to the scheme as outlined in this report. The overall scheme contains a landscape element of £400,000. The Adventure Play Area scheme is included within the overall landscaping element at £80,000.
2. To approve the letting of the contract to Playdale for the sum of £80,000 to carry out the scheme as outlined in this report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism and Leisure Committee 14th March 2019 resolved:

1. To consider the scheme as proposed within this report and recommend to Council approval of a fully-funded increase in the total scheme value within the Capital Programme of £2,317,497 (£33,342 in 2018/2019, £1,401,500 in 2019/2020, £713,943 in 2020/2021 and £168,712 in 2021/2022) in respect of the Fairhaven Lake & Gardens Restoration Project, to be met in full as detailed in the report;
2. Subject to the approval at 1 above, to authorise the proposed expenditure in respect of Professional fees in the sum of £170,653 and activity costs in the sum of £276,125 as detailed in section 9 in order to progress the scheme; and
3. To note that further draw down reports will be presented to the Tourism and Leisure committee as the scheme progresses.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

BACKGROUND

1. The Council have supported a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the restoration of Fairhaven Lake & Gardens since 2011 and have committed capital funding to the project as detailed in this report. Two previous unsuccessful bids were made to the HLF in 2011 and 2014.
2. The Council submitted a third and final funding application to the HLF in August 2016 for a development grant to restore Fairhaven Lake & Gardens. The bid was prepared under the 'Parks for People' strand of the Heritage Lottery which is specific to the restoration of historic parks and gardens.
3. In January 2017 the Council was informed that the bid had been successful and a development grant of £165,500 was awarded for the project, on the condition that match funding of £54,866 was provided by Fylde through internal or external financial contributions, providing a total capital budget of £220,366, to provide Fylde Council with the opportunity to prepare a second round capital bid to the HLF.
4. Two project officers were recruited in August 2017, alongside a multi-disciplinary team of consultants to develop a capital grant (second round) application to the HLF. The second-round application to the HLF was made in August 2018 for £1,476,600, on the condition that partnership funding of £960,897 was secured to make an overall total project budget of £2,437,497.
5. In December 2018, the Council was notified that it had been successful in securing the second-round capital grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1,476,600 for the restoration of Fairhaven Lake & Gardens. The grant has been awarded on the condition that match funding of a further £960,897 is provided by Fylde Council, through internal and external financial contributions, providing a total capital budget of £2,437,497.
6. The restoration project includes funding for the design and construction of a new Adventure Play Area, which is the focus of this Committee Report.
7. The Adventure Play Area scheme sits outside the main buildings and landscape contract as it was felt that inviting specialist play designers/installers to tender on a 'design competition' basis would result in the budget stretching further than if it was let under a main contractor.

CURRENT SITUATION

8. The current junior play area is located immediately to the north of the Operational Boathouse, and is showing signs of wear and deterioration, as well as providing a relatively poor play experience.
9. Various iterations of the Fairhaven Masterplan have included a new Adventure Play Area, as this featured highly in public consultation and is now a key part of the National Lottery Heritage Fund's 'Approved Purposes', i.e. The Council is required to deliver this as part of the grant funding conditions.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS & EVALUATION

10. Officers from the Tourism and Cultural Services Team have led the procurement process. A shortlist of 6 experienced play installers was invited to submit tender returns via the Chest North West Procurement Portal.

11. The suppliers were given a project value figure of £80,000 and a design brief prepared by the Parks Development Officer, which provided suppliers with comprehensive details of the essential project requirements. Suppliers have been requested to include an element of contingency within the £80,000 project total which will be held by the Council in case unforeseen events occur.
12. 6 suppliers were invited to tender based on their experience delivering quality play area installations and three suppliers returned completed submissions which were evaluated on a 100% quality basis.
13. The quality evaluation section was scored as follows:
 - 0 *The Evaluation Panel felt that none of the requirement was met or demonstrated or no response was provided.*
 - 1 *The Evaluation panel felt that a few areas (20% or less) of the requirement has been met or demonstrated.*
 - 2 *The Evaluation panel felt that some areas (between 21% and 59%) of the requirement has been met or demonstrated.*
 - 3 *The Evaluation panel felt that most of the requirement (between 60% and 75%) has been met or demonstrated with some areas missing/requiring improvement.*
 - 4 *The Evaluation panel felt that most of the requirement (between 75% and 90%) has been met or demonstrated.*
 - 5 *The Evaluation Panel felt that the supplier had met or demonstrated most or all of the requirement (between 90% and 100%)*
14. The result of the tender evaluation exercise is set out below. The evaluation panel comprised of officers from the Tourism and Cultural Services Team with feedback from key stakeholders; namely Friends of Fairhaven Lake and Fairhaven Youth Council.

Item	Item Weighting	KOMPAN	PLAYDALE	WICKSTEED
Site Team and Sub-Contracting (if applicable) Please provide details for the main contacts involved in delivery of the project and details for any element of work you intend to subcontract, including how you would manage the sub-contractors to ensure quality delivery/performance.	10%	4	3	4
Weighted Sub Total		8	6	8
Range of Equipment and Play Value Please provide full details of the equipment included in the final design.	20%	3	4	2
Weighted Sub Total		12	16	8
Design and Creativity Detail how you will deliver high quality, innovative conceptual designs that fulfil the specified brief and budget.	20%	4	5	2
Weighted Sub Total		16	20	8
Quality Management System Detail how you will ensure the quality of the facility complies with all relevant legislation and applicable British standards. Your response must include full details of quality control procedures, membership of any relevant professional body(s) and ISO accreditation(s).	15%	5	5	5

Weighted Sub Total		15	15	15
Method Statement and Programme Please provide full details of how the works for each stage of the project will be carried out.	25%	4	3	4
Weighted Sub Total		20	15	20
Health & Safety Provide relevant up to date Health and Safety documents	10%	3	4	5
Weighted Sub Total		6	8	10
Total		77	80	69

15. The evaluation panel considered that the Playdale submission demonstrated a better quality provision in terms of quality of design, this included feedback from Friends of Fairhaven Lake and Fairhaven Youth Council. The quotation figure for the recommended submission is £80,000. The delivery of this project can commence on site in February 2020 and will be completed in March 2020.
16. Appendix A shows the 3D image of the play design which will be supplied and installed as part of the successful tender. The natural design of the adventure play area fits appropriately with the heritage character of Fairhaven Lake and Gardens and will provide a huge amount of play value to children between the ages of 5 to 12.

FINANCE DETAILS

17. The cost breakdown of the proposed Playdale scheme is attached at Appendix B.

METHOD AND COST OF FINANCING THE SCHEME

18. Funding for a scheme for this purpose is included within the approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 in the sum of £80,000. This sum is included within a wider landscaping budget of £400,000.

FUTURE REVENUE BUDGET IMPACT

19. There are no additional revenue implications to this proposal as the new facility will be inspected, repaired and maintained, by existing staff in the Parks & Greenspace Team.

VALUE FOR MONEY AND DETAILS OF PROCUREMENT PATH

20. In order to ensure that value for money is achieved a procurement exercise has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules. Selection of the successful tenderer is on the basis that value for money is a key consideration as well as the suitability of the new facility.

SUMMARY

21. The proposal is to award the tender to design and install a new Adventure Play Area at Fairhaven Lake and Gardens as per the agreed tender specification to Playdale to the value of £80,000. The evaluation panel considered that the Playdale submission, demonstrated better provision in terms of quality design, how the proposal will fit within the space allocated and complement the existing park environs. Once approved the delivery of this project can commence towards the end of January 2020 with completion by end of March 2020.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests approval for expenditure in respect of the Fairhaven Heritage Lottery project as outlined in this report. The approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 includes a £80,000

	allowance for the Adventure Play Area which is included in a wider £400,000 general landscaping budget. The report also requests approval to the letting of the contract for the scheme.
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	Provision of modern recreational facilities is important in terms of providing diversionary activities.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	The proposals seek to incorporate low maintenance materials and to complement existing play provision. Fulfilling green flag award criteria in the provision of community facilities.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The quotation requests included Health and Safety information which will be developed by the successful contractors prior to starting on site to safeguard the public.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Tourism and Leisure Committee	14 th March 2019	S:\Committee Documents\Reports Archive\Tourism & Leisure\2018-2019\2019-03-14\Item 5 - Fairhaven Heritage Lottery Project.doc

Attached documents

Appendix A – Playdale 3D submission

Appendix B – Playdale Quotation