

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES	CABINET	31 AUGUST 2010	

LOWTHER PAVILION – SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Public Item

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

Summary

The report concerns the supply and installation of a new sound system at Lowther Pavilion.

The report sets out the context to the acquisition and makes recommendations to proceed with the purchase and installation of the new equipment.

Cabinet Portfolio

The item falls within the following Portfolio:

Leisure & Culture

Councillor Susan Fazackerley

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended:

1. To approve an addition to the 2010/11 capital programme of £25,000 for the purchase and installation of sound equipment, fully funded by the Friends of Lowther Pavilion.
2. To approve the equipment be supplied and installed by RC Sound and Technical, Blackpool
3. To recognise the work undertaken by the Friends of Lowther Pavilion in raising the funds necessary to purchase the equipment and to thank the group for their kind donation.

Reasons for Recommendation

1. To improve the quality of the sound equipment at Lowther Pavilion.
2. To ensure that the Council's financial regulations and procurement rules are complied with.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. Not to approve investment in the sound equipment. The outcome of this alternative would be that the Pavilion continues to use outdated and less suitable equipment.

Report

1. The sound equipment at Lowther Pavilion is outdated and would benefit from replacement.
2. At the first meeting of the newly appointed trustees of Lowther Gardens on 24 August 2010, the matter was discussed. The Friends of Lowther Pavilion have been organising events over a number of months in order to raise funds. They have also been successful in securing a £10,000 Big Lottery grant towards the cost of new equipment. A total of £25,000 has been raised by the group and donated specifically for the purchase and installation of a new sound system.
3. The Trustees of Lowther Gardens reviewed the quotations, recommending that RC Sound and Technical be awarded the work at a total cost of £24,907.24, as detailed at Appendix A.
4. The reason this is an urgent item for decision is that there is a window of opportunity to install the equipment during week commencing 20 September 2010, and due to the lead in times required, the order needs to be placed as soon as possible.

Financial /Procurement Implications

5. In order to comply with the Council's financial regulations this report requests that Members agree an addition of £25,000 to the capital programme, fully funded by the donation from the Friends of Lowther Pavilion. However once arrangements with the new trustees are fully embedded, it will not be necessary to seek approval for such matters from Cabinet in future.
6. Although quotations were sought by the Trustees, officers recommend that the contract be considered as exempt from the contracts procedure rules because of the specialist nature of the equipment, in accordance with the procedure for exempt contract at paragraph 3.1.3 of the rules.
7. There are no additional ongoing revenue budget implications regarding this project, above the existing budgetary provision that exists for repair of the current equipment.
8. The grant from the Big Lottery Fund is specifically for community based projects. There are no restrictions / requirements from the Lottery Fund that pass to FBC. The Friends of Lowther however require that the donation is used solely for the purchase of the sound equipment.

9. Value for money issues were addressed at an early stage by the Trustees obtaining a number of quotations for the work.
10. The grant and donations are outside the scope of VAT rules. The assets of Lowther are Council assets in that they are held in Trust and the Council will therefore recover the VAT in the normal way.

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List of Background Papers		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The financial implications of this scheme are included within the main body of the report
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The financial risk of this project to the Council is low as it is 'fully funded' by the Friends of Lowther Pavilion.

R C Sound and Technical	To:	Pro-Forma	1645
		Lowther Pavilion West Beach Lytham St. Annes FY8 5QQ	
		Supply / Install of PA Equipment	
	For:		

Part Code	Quantity		
Brooke 2115XPRO	4		
Brooke 2110XPRO	10		
Brooke 2218XPRO	2		
Powersoft Q4004 Amplifier	1		
BSS BLU-160 Processor	1		
PC for FOH Control of BLU-160	1		
CAT5e305m	2		
NL4FX Connector	40		
NL2MP Connector	20		
NL2FX Connector	30		
NL8FX Connector	10		
NL8MP Connector	20		
MD02 Mini-Disc Player	2		
Multiplayer2 CD Player	2		
32 Way Pit Multicore	1		
48 Way Stagebox, 36/12 output to 1 vdm + 40m Captive	1		
16m 48 Way Multi VDM150 - 1x VDM150 Chassis in Box	1		
FOH Breakout 36/12 to VDC Female	1		
Monitor Breakout Cable VDM150 to Tails	1		
Van Damme XLR Cable 100m	100		
Van Damme Speaker Cable	1000		
Van Damme 268-582-000 8-way Cable	25		
6u Rack for Studio	1		
Yamaha M7CL48 Digital Sound Console	1		
Gator 4u Rack Bag	1		
Wall Brackets For Brooke EM15 EV SX300	1		

Total Equipment	£22,847.24
Vat @ 17.5%	£3,998.27
Inc Vat	£26,845.51

Containment/Fixings				
Labour				
Labour				
	Total Labour/Fixings: £2,060.00			
	Total Labour / Equipment ex vat: £24,907.24			
	Grand Total inc vat: £28,905.51			