

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	5 SEPTEMBER 2019	4
ASHTON GARDENS – ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS			

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 improvement to the children's play facilities at Ashton Gardens, St. Annes. The works include the removal of a 'timber dish' roundabout which does not operate effectively. This will be replaced with a play 'Boat/Galleon' climbing frame which will provide an interactive and safe play addition to Ashton Gardens children's play area.

The opportunity has been tendered on the CHEST Procurement Portal. 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 approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 includes funding for a scheme for this purpose in the sum of £20, 000.
2. To approve the letting of the contract to Wicksteed for the sum of £17,710 to carry out the scheme as outlined in this report.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism and Leisure Committee – 08 November 2018

Following detailed consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To support the Capital bids relevant to this Committee's Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix A of the report for further consideration by the Budget Working Group.
2. That the Budget Working group be advised that the Committee's preference regarding the order of priorities is as follows: (*Priority 1 - Scheme 4*) Coastal Explorers Public Art Project (2020/21); (*Priority 2- Scheme 1*) Ashton Gardens - Adventure Playground Improvements (*Priority 3- Scheme 2*) Ashton Gardens Nursery Depot Improvements; (*Priority 4 - Scheme 5*) Coastal Signage Improvements; (*Priority 5- Scheme 3*) Access Control Measures at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields and King Georges V Playing Fields, Heeley Road.

Budget Council – 05 March 2019

The proposal was carried and it was thereby RESOLVED:

1. To approve and adopt the recommendations of the Finance and Democracy Committee as follows: (c) The Capital Strategy 2019-22, including Prudential Indicators and Limits, set out in Appendix G; which incorporates the Treasury Management Policy, the Capital Programme, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement;

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. Ashton Gardens is one of Fylde Council's most significant heritage parks and continues to be very popular with residents and visitors. The Gardens has achieved Green Flag status (national quality accreditation scheme for public open spaces) for 10 consecutive years.
2. The adventure playground in the Gardens was constructed in 2011, and continues to be a popular attraction for young people and families, but is now showing signs of wear and deterioration. To ensure that the play provision continues to meet the Green Flag standard, in addition to providing safe play facilities for a wide range of age groups, several improvements need to be made as described below.

CURRENT SITUATION

3. The existing timber dish roundabout has not operated effectively in a sand based play environment, is not particularly popular and is now beyond repair. The proposal is to remove this item and replace with an exciting new bespoke timber play 'Boat/Galleon' which will be interactive and safe, and allow for both passive and active enjoyment which will make it popular with children of all ages.
4. The details of the Capital bid that was agreed at the meeting of Budget Council on 5 March 2019 is shown below:

Cost Heading	Description	Net Figure (£)
Pre-installation ground works	Herras fencing hire Dig out and remove existing dish roundabout.	450
	Extend existing sunken sand pit by 43m2 then install 400mm deep play sand and reshape edge.	3,250
Supply	Supply a Pinta – Columbus Galleon with post feet, sand fixed complete with name plate "Ashton Gardens Galleon".	12,483
Installation	Install as per agreed location.	2,522
Contingency		1,295
Total Project Cost		£20,000

PROCUREMENT PROCESS & EVALUATION

5. Officers from the Parks & Greenspace Team have led the procurement process. The tender followed the 'quick quote procedure' using the CHEST procurement portal.
6. Quotations have been received for the removal of the existing roundabout and the supply and installation of a play 'Boat/Galleon'. The suppliers were given a project value figure of £19,000 and a design brief prepared by the Senior Parks Development Officer, which provided suppliers with comprehensive details of the essential project requirements including sustainability and challenging play opportunities. A contingency budget of £1,000 will be initially retained by the council, with any other potential surplus monies post tender being retained as additional contingency.

7. Five suppliers were invited to tender and two suppliers returned completed submissions which were evaluated on a 50% quality and 50% price basis.
8. The price evaluation section was scored as follows:
 - 0 = A proposed price in excess of 10% above the allocated budget.
 - 1 = A proposed price that is between 5% and 10% above the allocated budget.
 - 2 = A proposed price that is over the allocated budget by up to 5%
 - 3 = A proposed price which meets the allocated £19,000 budget
9. The quality evaluation was carried out as follows: quality criteria formed 50% of the total, based on the following quality criteria:
 - Design (30 points)
 - Methodology (10 points)
 - Health and Safety (10 points)
10. The quality scores are added to the price scores to identify the preferred submission. For example a price of £19,000, would be scored a maximum of 50 points, which would be added to the quality score (maximum 50 points), to give a score out of 100.
11. The result of the tender evaluation exercise is set out below. The evaluation panel comprised of officers from the Tourism and Cultural Services Team.

Item	Sutcliffe	Wicksteed
Design Ability to meet the brief as specified in the I.T.T instructions document with particular emphasis on design and challenging play opportunities.	18	24
Methodology How you plan to carry out the works including a programme of works and site set up details.	10	10
Health and Safety Information including risk assessments which cover the work to be undertaken in the area and public liability insurance certificate.	10	10
Price	20	50
Total	58	94

12. The evaluation panel considered that the Wicksteed submission demonstrated a better quality provision in terms of quality of design and price. The quotation figure for the recommended submission is £19,000. The delivery of this project can commence on site in December 2019 and will be completed in January 2020.
13. Appendix A shows the image of the 'Pinta Columbus' Galleon which will be supplied and installed as part of the successful tender. The Galleon meets all EU standards. The natural design of the boat fits appropriately with the other playground features in Ashton Gardens and will provide a huge amount of play value to children of all ages.

FINANCE DETAILS

14. The cost breakdown of the proposed Wicksteed scheme is as follows:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
A	Remove and dispose of existing dish roundabout	£337.50
B	Excavate/extend area to accommodate new structure allowing for safety zone and to the required depth for sand safety surface	£2,925.00
C	Supply chunky timber Galleon/Pirate Ship multi-play structure to blend with existing adventure play facilities. Min dimensions L9.0 – 10.0m x W4.0-5.0m x H3.0m. (Approx. space available 13x8m)	£11,179.00

D	Install timber Galleon/Pirate Ship	£2,087.25
E	Supply and incorporate play sand to ensure adequate fill to extend area and address critical fall heights	Included in B
F	Include for the supply and fix of a bespoke name plate to read 'Ashton Gardens Galleon'	Included in D
G	Include for protective fencing during construction (and storage and welfare)	£712.50
H	Include for ROSPA inspection post installation	£468.75
TOTAL		£17,710.00

METHOD AND COST OF FINANCING THE SCHEME

15. Funding for a scheme for this purpose is included within the approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 in the sum of £20,000.

FUTURE REVENUE BUDGET IMPACT

16. 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, with any materials being funded from existing resources.

VALUE FOR MONEY AND DETAILS OF PROCUREMENT PATH

17. 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 will be on the basis that value for money is a key consideration as well as the suitability of the new facility.

SUMMARY

18. The proposal is to award the tender to remove the existing 'timber disc' roundabout and install a new timber 'Galleon' play feature as per the agreed tender specification to Wicksteed to the value of £17,710. A total contingency of £2,290 will be held by the Council. The evaluation panel considered that the Wicksteed submission, demonstrated better provision in terms of quality design, how the proposal will fit within the space allocated and complement the existing play features. Once approved the delivery of this project can commence towards the end of November with completion in January 2020.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	This report requests approval for expenditure in respect of the Ashton Gardens play equipment project as outlined in this report. The approved Capital Programme for 2019/20 includes funding for a scheme for this purpose in the sum of £20,000. 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 represent the replacement of an existing features, the design seeks 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	08 November 2018	Minutes and Agenda
Council	05 March 2019	Minutes and Agenda

Attached documents

Appendix 1 – Ashton Gardens Galleon