

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

NON-EXECUTIVE DECISION

RENOVATION OF FOOTBALL PITCHES AT WALSWORTH COMMON, HITCHIN

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [*if applicable*]

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: *Place*

1. DECISION TAKEN

To appoint Blakedown Ltd as the preferred contractor to undertake the renovation of the football pitches at Walsworth Common, Hitchin.

2. DECISION TAKER

Vaughan Watson

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The appointment is to help achieve the delivery of the outcomes contained within the Council's adopted Greenspace Management Strategy

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None considered

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation was undertaken with local residents and users of the common as part of the renewal of the Greenspace Action Plan (GAP) for Walsworth Common. This document is reviewed on a five year cycle and this project was identified in both the current and previous GAP.

6.2 In addition consultation was undertaken with the Secretary of State regarding any permissions regarding Section 38 and works on Common Land

7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 The works are being undertaken to deliver the agreed green space capital program.

7.2 In addition the appropriate permissions have been sought and gained so as to enable the project to proceed.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The works are listed as an agreed action for 2018/19.

- 8.2 There are statutory duties underlying the decision.
- 8.3 The Council has a contract with Groundwork Hertfordshire who is working with us to deliver the Council's adopted Green Space Management Strategy. This includes the development of the contract documents, tendering and project management associated with the delivery of this project.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The value of the contract to be awarded via Groundwork Hertfordshire to Blakedown Ltd is £72,276.75.
- 9.2 This value is included within the Capital Works Program for 2019/20 and is meeting conditions set out in S106 agreements for developments elsewhere in Hitchin as required by Sport England.

10. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The risk associated with green space sustainability has been reviewed and are updated on Covalent, the Council's risk management software.

11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 11.2 There are no adverse equalities implications to the provision of a MUGA. The health benefits of the facility will benefit a wide range of local users.

12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The Social Value Act and the "go local" policy were considered for the award of this contract. Given the specialist nature of the works, the project team is not aware of any local suppliers that could undertake the required works. The project team sought to give effect to aims of the legislation and policy. In respect of the evaluation of tenders, the project team gave credit to social value and in particular the winning bidder confirmed the following regarding staff development and environmental protection:-

- a) ETC Sports Surfaces Limited is fully committed to developing the skills & knowledge of our entire workforce. Our site operatives are fully plant certified, CSCS registered and competent within Health & Safety. We have procedures in place that allow our staff to express any interests in further developing their skills or qualifications in any aspect of work related training. Our site operatives have undergone a NVQ Level 2 in Sports & Play Surfaces which is a new NVQ that is highly recognised within our industry. We also send our site operatives on refresher courses when we feel necessary to allow them to refresh their own knowledge and learn any new laws or regulations that they were unfamiliar with previously."
- b) Substances used on site to be stored in manner to contain all spillages. All static plant to have drip trays placed beneath. Emissions, i.e. plant, dust to be monitored at all times. All special waste to be removed by licensed contractors to licensed waste disposal premises.

13. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The human resource implications associated with undertaking this project are already included within the Place Directorate's Work Program's

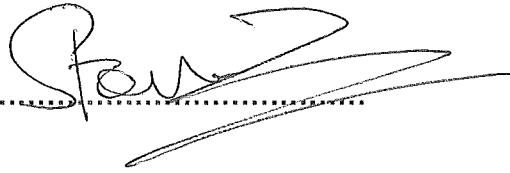
14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 Council's Green Space Management Strategy 2017 - 21

15. NOTIFICATION DATE

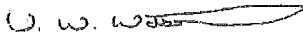
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Signature of Executive Member Consulted



Date14/10/19.....

Signature of Decision Taker:



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