

Approval to Award a Contract for the Construction of a Floodlit Multi Use Games Area at Street Lane Recreation Ground, Gildersome

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Report of: Outdoor Recreation Officer, Parks and Countryside

Report to: Chief Officer for Parks and Countryside

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Please refer to the confidential appendix A under Access to information procedure Rule 10.4.3

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- To report the results of the tender evaluation process and to seek approval to award a contract to the successful contractor for the construction of a floodlit Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and link path at Street Lane Recreation Ground, Gildersome.
- This contract when awarded will contribute to the Best Council Priorities:-
 - Supporting healthy physical activity
 - Being responsive to local needs, building thriving resilient communities
 - Safe, strong communities by providing a new, inclusive community resource for local people and visitors from further afield.

It will also support the outcomes of :-

- Enjoy healthy, happy active lives
- Enjoy greater access to green spaces, leisure and the arts

Recommendations

- a) The Chief Officer, Parks and Countryside is requested to approve the award of a contract for the construction of the floodlit MUGA to Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd. The contract value is £142,476.00 and it is anticipated the works will commence in March 2022 and be completed by June 2022.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The purpose of this report is to evidence the competitive tender and tender evaluation process undertaken and to obtain approval to award the contract for the floodlit MUGA at Street Lane Recreation Ground in Gildersome to Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd following the conclusion of the tender process.
- 2 A restricted tender invitation was issued via YORtender to 5 Constructionline approved contractors on 17th September 2021 and following the closure of the opportunity on the 27th October 2021. 3 tenders were subsequently received.
- 3 The tenders were all evaluated on a price only basis with the lowest compliant tender scoring the maximum points.
- 4 The price evaluation was carried out by NPS Leeds Commercial team as part of the NPS commission and following the conclusion of the assessment it is recommended to appoint Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: Morley North

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 5 The proposed floodlit MUGA will provide a new, free to access sports facility in the Morley North ward.
- 6 Due to a lack of accessible sports and recreational facilities in Gildersome, ward members and the Gildersome Action Group identified a need for a multi - use games area (MUGA) and helped raise significant funds to deliver the project for the local community, along with a major grant contribution from Sport England. This project costs also include a commuted sum for a period of 10 years to help maintain the facility.
- 7 The proposed new floodlit MUGA will have an adjoining link path, allowing the facility to be accessed by members of the public from the main roadside footpath. The MUGA has been designed to meet Sport England requirements in relation to accessibility, dimensions, layout etc. of which floodlighting was a requirement in order to access grant funding. The MUGA will be openly accessible for all members of the community.
- 8 The floodlights will be programmed to turn off no later than the times specified in the planning approval which is 9pm Monday to Saturday and 7pm on a Sunday. The lights will be controlled via a switch and a timer and will allow the facility to be used all year round.
- 9 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion & Integration impact was carried out as part of the original request for council funding. There are no negative impacts in relation to the planned works.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 10 Consultation has taken place with local ward members, the Gildersome Action Group and Procurement & Commercial Services throughout the procurement process.
- 11 Sport England have also been consulted throughout the process as they are contributing funds towards the MUGA.

What are the resource implications?

- 12 NPS Leeds will manage this contract on site on behalf of Parks and Countryside to ensure the contract adheres to the programme of works.

What are the legal implications?

- 13 The procurement has been undertaken in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
- 14 This is a Significant Operational Decision as a direct consequence of the original Authority to Procure taken in March 2021, and is therefore not subject to call-in. Other than confidential Appendix 1, there are no grounds for keeping the contents of this report confidential under the Access to Information Rules.
- 15 The information in Appendix 1 of this report has been identified as exempt/confidential under the Access to Information Rules 10.4 (3). The public interest in maintaining the exemption in relation to the confidential appendix outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and financial details which, if disclosed would adversely affect the business of the Council and the business affairs of several individual companies.
- 16 The tenders have been evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the tender documents and in making the final decision, the Chief Officer, Parks and Countryside be satisfied that this contract represents best value for the Council.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 17 A risk register will be developed and maintained throughout the contract period.
- 18 Financial due diligence has been undertaken on Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd before formal contract award to ensure risks surrounding financial stability.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

- Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 19 Health and wellbeing:** A floodlit MUGA will support health and wellbeing by providing a facility where residents can undertake a range of fun, sporting activities all year round - it will promote and support healthy, physically active lifestyles.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 20 Alternative procurement options were considered but as this was deemed a low value tender within Construction & Housing it was felt that the best method would be to do a price only tender exercise using contractors from the government approved *Constructionline* database.

How will success be measured?

- 21 The contract will be managed on site by NPS Leeds throughout all stages of construction and work. As part of this role, contractor performance will be monitored and managed in line with the contract terms.

What is the timetable for implementation?

- 22 It is hoped to award the contract by the end of January and works are anticipated to commence in March 2022 for a duration of 8 – 10 weeks.

Appendices

23 Confidential Appendix 1 – NPS report

Background papers

24 Authority to Procure - [ATP](#)