

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Rejuvenation of the Sandbase Pitch at Southglade Leisure Centre

Total Value:

£16,150 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To approve revenue expenditure of £16,150 to carry out Rejuvenation of the Sandbase pitch at Southglade Leisure Centre in order to continue use and deliver the facilities business plan. This provision will maintain the lifespan of the pitch for a further 5/10 years.

To approve a dispensation in accordance with Finance Procedure Rule 3.29 to Contract Procedure Rule 5.11. which would require us to seek formal quotes, for operational reasons. The reasons being the joint venture with the Football Association and Football Foundation as part of the initial funding and due to the specialist nature of the works required in line with our current agreement with the Football Association, the approved specialist needs to be used. Soft quotations have been done which come out higher than the quotation provided by the specialist.

Reasons for the Decision(s) A 3rd Generation and Sandbase Pitch opened in May 2006 at Southglade Leisure Centre, which was funded by Nottingham City Council jointly with The Football Foundation, Sport England and the Big Lottery. As part of the Agreement with the Football Foundation and to protect the income for the facility (2013/14 combined income of £37, 843.14), the Sandbase Pitch needs to be maintained. Yearly monitoring and evaluation reports are submitted on a year on year basis to the Football Foundation.

Failure to approve the revenue expenditure would result in the Sandbase Pitch not being fit for purpose due to health and safety implications and would result in closure of the Pitch with loss of income and a diverse effect on the users and hirers. The Pitch is currently being inspected on a day by day basis and depending on the weather conditions and water logging issues, decisions are made if the pitch is playable which is having a diverse effect on current bookings and provision, therefore a quick decision is required to rectify the problem with a provisional date for the works being carried out pencilled in for W/C 9th February by Replay Maintenance who are a Specialist contractor. Replay Maintenance work in partnership with the Football Association.

This investment will enable Sport, Communities and Leisure Centres to effectively utilise resources available, generating commercial and maintain income streams.

Other Options Considered: Do Nothing:
The Sandbase Pitch would have to be closed due to health and safety implications and the pitch would not be suitable to continue usage. As part of the ongoing maintenance and to increase the lifespan of the pitch this work is required.
To undertake a formal quotation process, however there are specific requirements to comply with in accordance with the original funding arrangements and the organisation is endorsed by the Footbal Assoc. A soft market test has been undertaken to demonstrate the provider deliver best value for money

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Bestwood

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Consultations: Date: 08/01/2014

Other City Council Bodies:Hugh White Director of Sport & Culture

John Wileman, Head of Leisure Services, has briefed Hugh White on the issues and the work required to rectify the Sandbase Pitch in order to continue usage and maintain income streams

Date: 08/01/2015

Other:Ricky Stevenson County Development Manager Nottinghamshire Football Association

As part of the initial Football Foundation funding and agreement and Nottingham City Councils ongoing partnership work with the Nottinghamshire Football Association, consultation has been carried out with the Football Association. The Football Association have a partnership with Replay Maintenance and do not have any current relationships with any other pitch specialists. Replay Maintenance are a specialist contractor who have provided the service and maintenance on both the 3G and Sandbase Pitch at Southglade Leisure Centre since 2006 when the pitches opened. Quarterly maintenance and service visits are carried out by Replay. The work required is specialist and there are very few specialist contractors in the Country that can undertake the work required, have the background knowledge of the pitches and can provide a five year warranty certificate with a 5 year Revive Service Agreement.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

Local Community Providers access the Sandbase Pitch on a weekly basis and engage with the local youths to encourage participation and divert youths away from crime and anti social behaviour in and around the park.

Equality:

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Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

Person Consulted: Cll Brian Parbutt

Consultation Date: 29/01/2015

Work needs to be completed immediately to avoid having to close the facility, which would then affect income to the Council

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, Equality and Diversity

Legal Advice: The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and, in the circumstances outlined, are supported.
Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 30/01/2015.

Finance Advice: The total cost of the scheme is £16,150 this cost will be met from the Southglade Football Pitch Repair and Replacement Reserve that was set up to meet this type of expenditure. The balance on the reserve at 31 March 2015 is estimated to be £254k. This expenditure is non-recurring and does not impact upon the MTFP.
Dispensation from tendering requirements is sought under financial regulation 3.29 because of the specialist nature of the works and as a soft market testing has been undertaken to demonstrate best value for money.
Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 30/01/2015.

Procurement Advice: The proposal for a dispensation is in accordance with the Finance Procedure Rules. Soft market testing has been undertaken to demonstrate best value for money, the provider is endorsed by the Football Association, NCC is able to meet the conditions of the original funding agreement. This is low value procurement and there are no procurement concerns with the proposals.
Advice provided by Viv Bolland (Corporate Procurement Manager) on 28/01/2015.

Equality and Diversity Advice: There are no key equality considerations with this proposal.
Advice provided by Adisa Djan (Equalities and Diversity Consultant) on 13/01/2015.

Signatures

Graham Chapman (PH for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration)
SIGNED and Dated: 05/02/2015
John Kelly (Corporate Director Community Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 04/02/2015
Geoff Walker (Acting Head of Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 03/02/2015
Chief Financial Officer's Comments: