

SCHOOLS FORUM – 3 November 2016

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| Title of paper: | The repair and maintenance of school gym equipment in maintained schools. |
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| Summary | |
| Previously school funds have been de-delegated to carry out the assessment and maintenance of maintained school's gym equipment. The work was carried out through a contract with Sportsafe, and this has now expired. This report outlines changes required going forward. | |
| Recommendation(s): | |
| 1 | That schools forum stops de-delegating monies for gym maintenance to maintained schools. |
| 2 | That Pupil and School Services write to Headteachers and Governing bodies of the maintained schools informing them of the need for an annual survey and the links to recommended suppliers. |
| 3 | That Headteachers and Governors take necessary steps to carry out school gym maintenance safety checks for all equipment in their schools using one of the approved suppliers from the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO). |

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The authority needs assurance that it is carrying out an annual assessment of the gym equipment in the city maintained schools. These recommendations enable these to be met in the most economical manner.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 In recent years Schools Forum has de-delegated funds for the repair and maintenance of school gym and outdoor play equipment in maintained schools. It needs to be noted that this has been for repair and maintenance only and does not include replacement of obsolete equipment.
- The annual service included a site visit from the supplier to carry out a review of the equipment and to list any defects that needed attention. The procurement of these annual inspections gave not only a list of minor repairs, but also gave an ongoing commentary of the state of the equipment in the maintained schools.
- Minor repairs orders were placed and approved with the administration of the contract with Sportsafe carried out centrally within Pupil and School Services in the

Education Department. Economies of scale meant that the best approach to this was to manage the contract centrally, but with the increase in number of academies this is no longer the case.

The contract with Sportsafe has also expired and it is now opportune to look again at the arrangements.

The Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) carries a list of approved suppliers within their frameworks. All of these are approved and vetted for school use.

With the responsibility for overseeing the annual appraisal of school equipment moving away from the corporate centre it will be necessary to remind Schools, Headteachers, and Governing bodies of the need for an annual appraisal, and this will be carried out once Schools Forum approve this report.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The option was considered to leave the system as it was and continue to de-delegate. However, VFM, and the fact that the Sportsafe contract had expired makes this untenable.

4 OUTCOMES/DELIVERABLES

- 4.1 Safe working gym equipment in the city's maintained schools.

5 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 5.1 This report outlines that from the financial year 2017/18 all schools will be responsible for arranging their annual inspection of their sports and play equipment and any subsequent repairs or maintenance of their sports and play equipment. This is due to the fact that the service has now become financially unviable due to the number of academisations.

The funding of £500 per school will continue to be delegated to all schools through the lump sum factor but from the financial year 2017/18 this funding will no longer be de-delegated by maintained schools as the responsibility for the inspections and repairs and maintenance will move to maintained school headteachers and Governing bodies. Any costs associated with inspections and repairs/maintenance will then be funded from the schools budget.

6 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 6.1 None

7 HR ISSUES

- 7.1 Non to report

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because there is no change to the final service being provided

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

9.1 None

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

10.1 None

Gymnasium and fitness equipment maintenance

Framework 107

This framework offers the inspection and maintenance of gymnasium and fitness equipment (including but not restricted to Trampolines, Climbing Walls, Balance Benches, Vaulting Boxes/Horses, Bikes, Treadmills, Rowing Machines and Multigyms), minor repairs and line marking.

- Suppliers:
- G.M. Services Ltd
- Sportsafe UK Ltd
- Universal Services Ltd

Outdoor playground equipment

Framework 115

Included within this framework are playground equipment, safety surfacing, multi-use games areas (MUGAs), skate / BMX parks, outdoor fitness equipment, line marking, impact absorbing artificial grass & play carpet and other related equipment. Associated services include installation, inspection and maintenance, bespoke design and 'stakeholder engagement' services.

Suppliers:

Bendcrete Skateparks Ltd,

Caloo Ltd,

Dura-Sport Ltd,

Eibe Play Ltd,

Fenland Leisure Products Ltd,

Gravity Engineering Ltd,

HAGS-SMP Ltd,

KOMPAN Ltd,

Ludus Leisure Ltd,

Pennine Playgrounds Ltd,

PHS Ltd (Matta),

Playdale Playgrounds Ltd,

S J Danby t/a Playscheme,

Proludic,

Russell Leisure Ltd t/a Russell Play,

Sutcliffe Play Ltd,

The Great Outdoor Gym Company,

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd t/a Wicksteed Playscapes