

Selby District Council

REPORT

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Title: All Weather Pitch adjacent to Selby Leisure Centre

Summary:

The Council committed to refurbishing the All Weather Pitch in 2012 and since then the project has been rolled up into the delivery of the Leisure Centre Project. A budget estimate of £250,000 was set aside at that time. The subsequent tender process has indicated that the cost of the project will be £296,998.23 (with the possibility of this sum reducing by £27,000 if the shock pad does not need to be replaced).

The Executive is asked to agree to fund the additional amount from the Commissioning Contingency with the potential to vire funding from the Leisure Centre Contingency in due course, if funds allow.

Recommendations:

- i. **To note the report**
- ii. **To authorise the additional funding from the Commissioning Contingency, noting the potential to replenish that Contingency from the Leisure Centre Project Contingency, in due course, if funds allow.**

Reasons for recommendation

To ensure that adequate funding for the refurbishment of the All Weather Pitch at Scott Road is available and the entire leisure centre project on that site is able to be delivered as planned and as agreed with Sport England.

1. Introduction and background

In March 2012, in the wake of the fire at Abbey Leisure Centre, the Executive agreed to set aside £250,000 for the refurbishment of the All Weather Pitch at the Leisure Centre site on Scott Road.

The decision was intended to show the Council's commitment to re-providing leisure facilities at the Scott Road site.

Delegated authority was given to the Deputy Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader of the Council and WLCT to determine the best way forward.

As a consequence of the fire and the decision to demolish and rebuild the leisure centre it was determined that the best way forward was to incorporate plans for the refurbishment into the wider leisure centre project. This has been done for planning and delivery purposes but the budgets have remained separate.

2. The Report

As part of the bid for Sport England funding the proposals for the All Weather Pitch were revised to meet competition level hockey standards and training/recreational football. As a consequence UK Hockey acted as one of the two governing bodies who supported the Council's successful bid for Sport England/National Lottery funding.

Following an exercise to redefine the specification, invitations to tender were issued. Seven companies were invited to tender and six were completed and returned.

The Tender prices ranged from £236,186.63 to £342,380.35 (excl VAT)

Following a systematic evaluation based upon an evaluation of compliance with specification, price and quality the lowest bid was recommended as the preferred bidder.

However, in addition to the base tender costs provision has to be made for the possibility that the sub structure shock pads might also need replacement (c£27,000). The bidder also proposed a number of enhancements and additions to the tendered offer and WLCT has indicated that acceptance of a number of these enhancements (dividing nets, retractable goals and alcoves c£12,350) would enhance the operational flexibility of the pitch by allowing it to be sub divided when necessary. These enhancements plus professional, management and procurement fees (c£21,000) bring the total cost of the project to £296,998.23.

Once on site it will be possible to re-evaluate whether it is necessary to fully replace the underlying shock pad. If this work is unnecessary the project costs will reduce by up to £27,000

Either way the project cost will exceed the budget estimate (£250,000) by between £20,000 and £47,000. In these circumstances the matter must be reported to the Executive.

3. Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

Legal Issues

The procurement process has fully complied with UK and EU procurement rules and the Council's Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules.

Financial Issues

There is contingency funding set aside as part of the Leisure Centre Project. This contingency would be sufficient to cover the additional costs. However, there remains some uncertainty about the funding arrangements for the car parking and landscaping works associated with the potential further development on the site as part of the Selby Leisure Village.

It would be prudent to leave the Leisure Centre Contingency un-amended until that uncertainty is lifted.

There is also funding available within the Council's Commissioning Contingency. The balance of that Contingency Fund is £166,000 and it is proposed that funding to cover the additional costs of the All Weather Pitch (between £20,000 and £47,000) is met from this contingency fund, with the potential to vire the funding from the Leisure Centre Contingency in due course, and if funds allow.

4. Conclusion

The Council committed to refurbishing the All Weather Pitch in 2012 and since then the project has been rolled up into the delivery of the Leisure Centre Project. A budget estimate of £250,000 was set aside based upon 2011 prices. The subsequent tender process has indicated that the cost of the project will be £296,998.23 (with the possibility of this sum reducing by £27,000 if the shock pad does not need to be replaced).

The Executive is recommended to agree to fund the additional amount from the Commissioning Contingency with the potential to vire funding from the leisure Centre Contingency in due course, if funds allow.

5. Background Documents

None

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Appendices: None