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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Place

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1To award the contract to undertake the renovation of Howard Park and Gardens Play Area, as identified within the Greenspace Management Strategy 2017-21, to Southern Landscape and Construction Ltd

2. DECISION TAKER

Vaughan Watson

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

23rd December 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 Following a tender process as managed via inTend and the received responses to award the contract for commencement early 2021 and intended completion within the current financial year.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None – the existing playground has experienced high volumes of use and as such has received higher than expected levels of wear and tear.

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

6.1 Public consultation was undertaken over the summer of 2020. However, due to Covid 19 this has to be done virtually via Survey Monkey. We received a good response with 506 completed survey questionnaires. The results of this exercise have fed into the resulting design which was then put to tender in the marketplace.

7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Works were highlighted within the existing Greenspace Management Strategy to be undertaken in the financial year 2020-21. Additionally, site inspections confirmed that the existing equipment is experiencing high levels of wear and tear due to the popularity of the site.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Under section 14.6.4 (a) (ii) of the Councils Constitution, Service Directors have authority to enter into contracts in respect of their service areas.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no financial implications that are outside our existing budgets or financial allocations. The allocated capital budget is £75,000 with the tender received from Southern Landscape Construction Ltd being valued at £69,000.

10. RISK IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no risk implications

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.

12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to this decision.

13. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 This item of work is contained within the Environment and Leisure Directorates existing work program.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 Existing contract documents

15. NOTIFICATION DATE

8th January 2021

Signature of Executive Member Consulted:

Date: 4 January 2021

Signature of Decision Taker:

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Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS