

OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker: – Stephania Horne

Service Area: Neighbourhood Management (Neighbourhood Operations)

Title of Decision: Approval to award contracts for two Play areas

Decision made and reasons:

Decision: The approval to award contract for
To award contract for installation of Play Area Miswell Lane contract to KOMPAN;
and;

To award contract for installation of Play Area at Warners End contract to Proludic

Reason:

To improve and refurbish two playground sites within Dacorum borough and to provide the children in these areas with a safe, clean and enjoyable environment. It will also help to build strong and vibrant communities.

Commissioning process:

A fixed cost per play area location was chosen, as this approach has produced better value for money in previous similar exercises, achieving better discounts on equipment prices. This price will also include the RoSPA safety inspection on completion of each site before handover.

The minimum specification for each playground is stated in the tender documents, however bidders were asked (where set budgets allow) to deliver additional features which might be play equipment, incorporating natural features, or making use of the landscape with suitable play equipment/features, e.g. fitting a slide into a sloping landscape. Bidders were asked to link the design of each play area to the local area to give each one its own identity and ensure that contractors are not just offering the same design for each site.

Tender process:

The ESPO framework contract 115_21 Lot 2 was used to carry out a competition for the lots, this includes all the major playground equipment suppliers. Each of the suppliers on the framework has already been assessed for insurance levels, experience, references, quality, environmental and Health and Safety procedures, business continuity plans and compliance with the terms and conditions.

Each lot was evaluated individually to ensure that each play area will achieve the best quality design and equipment possible for the fixed cost budget.

It is proposed that KOMPAN will be awarded the following site Miswell Lane. The design for this site were outstanding, providing maximum play value for the local community and went above and beyond the specifications requested. The variety of activities and equipment are suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities.

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It is proposed that Proludic will be awarded the following site Warners end End The designs for this site had impactful play units – which will make the park a destination play area to visit. The designs have a good layout and flow to them as well. The variety of activities and equipment are suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities.

Financial Assessment:

A financial assessment has been carried out on both suppliers for the value of each of the contracts

Commercial Board:

Reports considered:

The Procurement report attached

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Procurement, Finance and Clean Safe & Green
Fiona Guest – Warners End Councillor
Angela Mitchell-Gadebridge Councillor
Tring Town Council and Miswell Lane Friends Group

Financial Comments: There is an approved capital budget for Parks and Open Spaces in 24/25 of £387,470.

There is also £610,000 of CIL funding available as well.

Nikita Patel Bhagalia 16/07/2024

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

Officers should ensure that an appropriate contract is completed prior to commencement of services.

S151 Officers Comments:

Officers should ensure the delivery of this contract is within approved budgets.

Implications

Value for Money: A fixed cost per play area location was chosen. Budget is funded by CIL and Capital funding. All tenders submitted were in budget.

Financial:

Risk: If this contract is not awarded. This would have a major impact on the local communities, as the current play areas are not fit for purpose. This in turn would damage the reputation of the council.

Officer Signature:

Date: