

Item 7 – Cabinet referrals

7.1 CA/72/24 APPOINTMENT OF A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF TWO MULTI-USE GAME AREAS (MUGA) AND CONSTRUCTION OF A CANOPY STRUCTURE AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL

23rd July 2024

Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Agrees to award the main contract to refurbish the two existing Multi-Use Game Areas (MUGA) and construct a canopy area on the Hemel Hempstead School site to Velocity Sports.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

2. **Recommends to Council** to agree an increase to the current proposed budget of £530k to £673k - an increase of £93k.

3. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Services) to execute and complete all legal agreements ancillary to the JCT Intermediate Contract with Contract Design 2016 (ICD) and/or reasonably required to complete the Project, including (but not limited to):

a. all professional appointments;

b. collateral warranties; and

c. Agreements under;

S.38, & S.278, of the Highways Act 1980;

S.247, Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;

S.104 of the Water Industry Act 1991, and

S.50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.

d. Dual Use Agreement (DUA) – Still in draft format

Corporate Priorities

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment

Building strong and vibrant communities

Ensuring economic growth and prosperity

Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

The proposed award follows a regulated and competitive procurement process to ensure that the Council obtains value for money for the project. Post construction, the Dual Use Agreement (DUA) will be the main agreement to ensure that each parties' roles and responsibilities are agreed and implemented. The Legal Team will oversee the completion of the DUA to ensure that it documents the agreed terms.

Deputy S151 Officer:

The proposed circa £623k investment to improve and upgrade the existing sports pitches will bring vacant assets back into use for the benefit of the local school and community.

Advice

Recommendation agreed

7.3 CA/90/24 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND FEES & CHARGES

14th October 2024

1. Cabinet approved the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29 as set out in Appendix A to the report.
2. Cabinet noted a four-year General Fund savings requirement of £2.5m between 2025 – 2029.
3. Cabinet noted that the Chief Finance Officer will work with the Council's Strategic Leadership Team and Cabinet to deliver options that will achieve the medium-term saving targets identified within the strategy.
4. Cabinet endorsed the Financial Planning Framework to support the budget setting process for 2025/26.
5. Cabinet agreed that the Chief Finance Officer be requested to revise the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and re-present to Cabinet for approval if material changes to forecasts are required following future Government announcements

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

6. Cabinet resolved to **recommend that Council** approves the fees and charges in appendices C-F, with the exception of garden Waste and garages fees that require further review prior to recommendation to Council. The car parking fees will be set through the ongoing parking tariff consultation and review process that is delegated to the Portfolio holder for Corporate and Commercial.

Corporate Priorities

A clean, safe and enjoyable environment

Building strong and vibrant communities

Ensuring economic growth and prosperity

Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need

Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery

Climate and ecological emergency

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add to the report

Deputy S151 Officer:

This is a S151 Officer report, and comments are included in the body of the report.

Advice

N Howcutt introduced the report.

Recommendation agreed

7.2 CA/95/24 DACORUM INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS

14th October 2024

Decision

1. Cabinet delegated approval to the Strategic Director (Corporate & Commercial), supported by Statutory Officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Commercial Services, to design and undertake a competitive selection process to select a suitable Partner(s) to work in conjunction with the Council in an Investment Partnership model.
2. Cabinet approved the commissioning of suitable independent advice on the financial, tax, legal, procurement and governance arrangements to ratify the approach.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

3. Cabinet resolved to **recommend to Council** approval of a one-off drawdown of £230,000 from Council development reserves to undertake work related to creating and entering into the Investment Partnership(s)

Corporate Priorities

- A clean, safe and enjoyable environment
- Building strong and vibrant communities
- Ensuring economic growth and prosperity
- Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need
- Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery
- Climate and ecological emergency

Statutory Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

The Monitoring Officer's comments are included in section 6 of the report under 'Legal Implications'.

Deputy S151 Officer:

The S151 Officer's comments are included in section 5 of the report under Financial and value for money implications. The financial recommendation requests £230k of one-off funding to support the selection of an investment partner/s, the Dacorum Development reserve has funds to support this request, and this proposal is line with the rationale for this reserve.

Advice

N Howcutt introduced the report.

Recommendation agreed