

## **Cabinet**

Wednesday, 11 October 2021

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

**1 Apologies for Absence**

**5 Award of Contract for replacement of Play area Equipment on Withy Grove Play area**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

Cabinet agrees to award the contract to Kompan Ltd to replace the tower slides at Withy Grove Park Playground for a fixed price of £110,000.

**Reasons for decision:**

A Cabinet decision is required for the contract award due to project value; award of the contract will allow the project to replace the playground equipment to be progressed.

**Other options considered and rejected:**

The option of not replacing the tower slide with a similar piece of equipment was considered and rejected as the item formed the centrepiece of the play area and Withy Grove Park is one of the few parks in the borough where such an item can be installed due to the amount of space available.

## **6 Exclusion of Press and Public**

### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

## **7 Managed Utility Procurement**

### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

To enter a contract with Inspired Energy PLC, a PCR 2015 compliant utility specialist, with commodities market expertise to procure water, electricity and gas contracts on behalf of the council via a choice of PCR compliant frameworks, in line with the Council's green agenda.

To agree to engage with Inspired Energy PLC on an ongoing basis to help monitor, track and record the utility data for all Council assets, utilising the companies' online cloud-based portal to track usage and spends across assets, and provide advice and support to the Council on energy reductions or identifiable usage trends. As well as an array of other services.

### **Reasons for decision:**

South Ribble Borough Council's previous utility procurement via YPO Framework has recently come to an end. This is an ideal time to not only procure utilities in a more cost-effective manner, with greater council control and insight into the suppliers being selected, and the type of utility procurement that suits the council's needs; but also adapt and procure a service from a supplier that includes additional elements to support with the tracking and recording of utility usage across all sites.

Current operating practices means the council is unable to provide the necessary utility data and tracking information that will enable it to assess the success of key green agenda projects. Resources currently available to officers for tracking and recording purposes are not able to produce the reports and data necessary to adequately assess and track utility data.

Inspired Energy Plc will procure via a PCR compliant framework, as has been done in the past via YPO; but will provide so much more to the council in terms of bill validation, utility company liaison, and the tracking data available to the council to better understand the energy being used across assets.

### **Other options considered and rejected:**

The choice to procure commodities via YPO framework on a fixed term basis has been considered and rejected.

## **8 Greens Dance School Refurbishment - Procurement Strategy (Contract**

**Award)**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

To note the procurement strategy and evaluation criteria for the refurbishment works.

To delegate the award of the contract for the Green's Dance School refurbishment scheme to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Property, Assets, Commercial Services and Major Developments)

**Reasons for recommendations:**

For the development of the South Ribble Family Wellbeing Centre this will make positive contributions to overcoming both challenges.

**Other options considered and rejected:**

Making no investment into the development of the South Ribble Family Wellbeing Centre. This option was rejected as a clear need for support for families was identified, and Finley's Families/TippyToes Baby Bank have already supported over 3,000 families across South Ribble. Finley's Families CIC need a base, and it is important to ensure that this is in South Ribble