

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
CABINET	30 th March 2011

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIOS	AUTHOR	ITEM
Authorisation of Expenditure of Capital Programme schemes 2011-2012 and 2012-2013	Streetscene & Neighbourhoods; Regeneration, Leisure & Healthy Communities; Finance & Resources.	John Dalton Mark Gaffney	

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

This report requests approval to commit capital expenditure for the procurement of a number of vehicles, plant and equipment.

Playground Refurbishment

This report requests approval to commit capital expenditure for the refurbishment of Farington Park play area and in order to expedite progress on the scheme in the absence of a Cabinet meeting until June, to delegate authority to accept the most economically advantageous tender. All other aspects of the procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts.

Asset Management

The report requests approval to commit capital expenditure for works to Moss Side Depot and Penwortham Pool. For the Moss Side works, in the absence of a Cabinet meeting until June delegation is sought to accept the most economically advantageous tender. All other aspects of the procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts.

The report links to the corporate priorities of creating a thriving and prosperous borough; and a clean, green and safe environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet agrees :

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

1. to grant authority under section 3(3) of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £90,000 for the purchase of 2 tipper vehicles, 1 tractor unit and 1 flail cutting unit;

Playground Refurbishment

2. to grant authority under section 3(3) of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £130,500 for the refurbishment of Farington Park play area;
3. Standing Orders for Contracts 3.10b be waived and the Director of Neighbourhoods be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Neighbourhoods, to

agree the final design and accept the most economically advantageous tender for the refurbishment of Farington Park play area.

Asset Management

4. to grant authority under section 3(3) of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £79,200 for works at Moss Side Depot, and £29,700 for works at Penwortham Pool in 2011/12 ; and a further £29,700 for works at Penwortham Pool in 2012/13.
5. Standing Orders for Contracts 3.10b be waived and the Director of Planning and Housing be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to agree the final design and accept the most economically advantageous tender for the scheme at Moss Side Depot.

DETAILS AND REASONING

Council recently approved the budget for 2011/12. As part of the proposals an outline capital programme was included and as part of the overall budget was approved. In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulation No.3.3 permission is now sought to incur expenditure on schemes listed in the outline capital programme that exceed a value of over £50,000.

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

The approved capital vehicle, plant and equipment replacement programme for 2010/11 includes the replacement of 2 tipper vehicles, 1 tractor unit and 1 flail cutting unit.

Following the restructuring of the Streetscene Services to create the new Neighbourhoods Service, a full review of the existing and future vehicle, plant and equipment needs has been ongoing. An earlier phase of the review was concluded in November 2010 when Cabinet approved a number of procurements. A further phase of the review has now been concluded which has established the need to commence the procurement process for the above items.

Playground Refurbishment

The approved capital programme for 2011/12 includes the refurbishment of Farington Park play area. The refurbishment is in two phases with phase one having been completed last year following a consultation exercise.

In the absence of Cabinet between this meeting and June's meeting, and to enable the tendering timetable to be met and for works to commence on schedule, it is proposed that Standing Orders for Contracts 3.10b is waived and the Director of Neighbourhoods be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Streetscene and Neighbourhoods, to finalise the design and accept the most economically advantageous tender. All other aspects of the procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts.

Asset Management

With regard to Asset Management there are two schemes within this criterion namely Moss Side Depot - Yard/ building Modifications, and glazing works to Penwortham Pool. The works envisaged at Moss Side involve the provision of alternative garaging and external storage facilities which will enable surplus accommodation in the main building to be offered for lease to a third party. The current estimate for these works is £72,000 plus 10% professional fees. In the budget for this coming year there is a target for additional rental income of some £10,000 from the surplus accommodation released. Permission is sought to authorize capital expenditure up to £79,200 for the Moss Side scheme. In the absence of Cabinet between this meeting and June's meeting, and to enable the tendering timetable to be met and for works to commence on schedule, it is proposed

that Standing Orders for Contracts 3.10b is waived and the Director of Planning and Housing be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to finalise the design and accept the most economically advantageous tender. All other aspects of the procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts.

For Penwortham Pool the scheme is to be spread over the financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13 with a total scheme cost of £54,000 plus 10% professional fees. Permission is sought to authorize capital expenditure of £29,700 in 2011/12 and £29,700 in 2012/13.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

<p>FINANCIAL</p>	<p>Vehicles, Plant and Equipment The approved capital programme for 2010/11 includes the capital budget of £90,000 for the replacement of 2 tipper vehicles, 1 tractor unit and 1 flail cutting unit. The annual revenue costs associated with the above items are included in the current year revenue budget and the forecast estimates for future years.</p> <p>Playground Refurbishment The approved capital programme for 2011/12 includes the capital budget of £130,500 (external S106 funding) for the refurbishment of Farington Park play area. The scheme will be designed and the tendering process will be undertaken so as to ensure that the acceptance of the most economically advantageous tender will be within the above capital budget. There are no additional revenue costs associated with refurbishing this existing playground.</p> <p>Asset Management The approved capital programme for 2011/12 includes the capital budget of £72,000 plus a 10% allowance for professional fees for works at Moss Side Depot and a budget of £27,000 plus a 10% allowance for professional fees for works at Penwortham Pool. The 2012/13 budget includes the capital budget of a further £27,000 plus 10% professional fees for glazing works at Penwortham Pool. In the budget a target of £10,000 for rental income for 2011/12 has been set.</p>
<p>LEGAL</p>	<p>Vehicles, Plant and Equipment The Council will be bound by the terms and conditions of any contractual documentation entered into with the suppliers of the vehicles, plant and equipment and also any leasing agreements.</p> <p>Playground Refurbishment The successful tenderer will enter into a formal contract directly with the Council. This will protect the position of the Council.</p> <p>Asset Management The successful tenderers will enter into formal contracts directly with the Council. This will protect the position of the Council.</p>

RISK	<p>Vehicles, Plant and Equipment The council services that require the vehicles, plant and equipment detailed in this report will suffer operational ineffectiveness should these items not be purchased.</p> <p>Playground Refurbishment Should the phase two refurbishment of the play area not go ahead the facility will not cater for the wider range of age groups.</p> <p>Asset Management The two schemes are included within the asset management plan and are essential to ensure that both the Depot and Penwortham Pool are well maintained and risk of damage and potential loss of income are avoided.</p>
OTHER (see below)	<p>Vehicles, Plant and Equipment</p> <p>Training and Development Operator training will be provided for the new vehicles, plant and equipment.</p> <p>Playground Refurbishment</p> <p>Health & Safety The procurement process includes a Health and Safety assessment. The successful tenderer will be required to conform with the requirements of the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2007.</p> <p>Crime and Disorder It is a requirement for the scheme to be designed in accordance with the general principles of Lancashire Constabulary's "Secured by Design Award" relating to play areas.</p> <p>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion The consultation process already carried out has taken into consideration Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion.</p> <p>Asset Management</p> <p>Health & Safety The procurement process includes a Health and Safety assessment. The successful tenderer will be required to conform with the requirements of the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2007.</p>

Asset Management	Corporate Plans and Policies	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – Section 17	Data Protection
Fair Access	Freedom of Information Act 2000	Health and Safety	Human Rights Act 1998
Implementing Electronic Government	Staffing	Sustainability	Training and Development

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Cabinet Financial Strategy, Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
Council Financial Strategy, Budget and Council Tax 2011/12

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