

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Farington Park Improvements and Authorising of Expenditure for Parks Capital Schemes in 2012/13	Neighbourhoods & Streetscene	Andrew Richardson	7

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report requests approval to incur capital expenditure for proposed improvement works at Farington Park and to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the first phase of these works. It is intended to carry out the proposed works in two phases.

Also the report requests approval to incur capital expenditure for a number of capital schemes at Worden Park.

The proposals in the report link directly to all of the Council's corporate priorities but especially Clean, Green and Safe.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet agree:

1. To grant authority under section 3(3) of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £199,500 for the improvement works at Farington Park (phases 1 and 2).
2. Award of Tender: That Tender 8 in Table 1 is accepted for phase 1 of the improvement works at Farington Park.
3. To grant authority under section 3(3) of the Financial Regulations to incur capital expenditure of £135,000 for improvement works at Worden Park.

DETAILS AND REASONING

1. Farington Park

a) Details of Proposed Works

A consultation event has been held to assist in the development of the design proposals for improvement works to the park.

It is intended to carry out the proposed improvement works in two phases as follows:

Phase 1 – New footways and cycleways throughout the park and improvements to the entrance, with works expected to commence in late spring and be completed by the end of summer 2012.

Phase 1 works are expected to cost in the region of £99,000.

Phase 2 - Surfacing playground footpaths with tarmac, re-profiling and reinforcement of lodge bankings, creation of new fishing pegs, erection of perimeter fencing and gates around children's play area, planting of tree avenues along the extent of the new footpaths, extension of new footpath system into new housing development once layout has been completed, application of surface dressing to new footpaths following tree planting, landscaping works including the provision and installation of parks furniture and woodland planting. The works are expected to commence in autumn 2012 following the completion of phase 1, and be completed during the course of the winter.

Phase 2 works are expected to cost in the region of £100,500.

b) Tendering Process

Phase 1 - Open tenders were invited in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules via the Chest. The Chest is the regional e-procurement portal that enables tenders and quotations to be advertised, invited, received, completed and submitted electronically.

The invitation to tender documentation included details of the evaluation criteria to be used to determine the most economically advantageous tender (MEAT). This was 70% cost and 30% quality, taking account of methodology, work programming, to include allocation of resources at each stage and examples of previous works.

32 tender submissions were received via the Chest and each tender has been evaluated in accordance with the MEAT evaluation criteria. The tenders are listed in Table 1 and Tender/Firm 8 is the overall highest scoring compliant tender and is recommended for acceptance.

Table 1 – Farington Park Phase 1 Works

Tender / Firm	Cost £	Cost Score (70%)	Quality Score (30%)	Total Score (100%)
1	87,532.59	70	16	86
2	92,075.00	67	19	86
3	92,436.74	66	23	89
4	92,605.10	66	20	86
5	92,855.75	66	20	86
6	94,116.07	65	23	88
7	94,622.85	65	23	88
8	98,697.58	62	30	92
9	98,763.26	62	28	90
10	99,033.75	62	0	62
11	101,330.63	60	23	83
12	103,704.49	59	30	89
13	103,783.05	59	27	86
14	106,041.16	58	23	81
15	106,792.93	57	18	75
16	107,054.55	57	17	74
17	108,701.60	56	18	74
18	110,944.66	55	27	82
19	111,630.07	55	23	78
20	111,756.56	55	20	75
21	112,196.49	55	27	82
22	112,464.05	54	24	78
23	112,961.69	54	0	54
24	113,534.91	54	30	84
25	113,968.00	54	24	78
26	116,128.00	53	15	68

27	117,382.00	52	26	78
28	120,831.21	51	13	64
29	122,310.66	50	20	70
30	126,945.61	48	14	62
31	165,590.70	37	0	37
32	Non – compliant incomplete tender submitted			

Phase 2 – These works consist of a number of smaller packages of improvement works as detailed earlier in the report. It is intended that these will be procured through a number of smaller tendering exercises with some works to be carried out using in house teams. Procurement will be in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Standing Orders.

2. Worden Park

The Council's approved capital programme for 2012/13 includes a number of improvement schemes at Worden Park. The schemes are as follows:

Installation of bridge over Cricketers Brook from Parkgate Drive into Worden Park: £25,000

Relaying of paved and cobbled areas around Craft Centre Units: £50,000

Completion of tarmac footpath from North Lodge to Play Area: £20,000

Reconstruction of footpaths in Formal Gardens: £40,000

Procurement of the above proposed works will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Standing Orders.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	<p>The approved capital programme for 2012/13 includes a capital budget of £199,500 for the proposed works at Farington Park and £135,000 for those at Worden Park.</p> <p>The annual revenue costs associated with the above improvement schemes are included in the revenue budget for 2012/13 and the forecast estimates for future years.</p>		
LEGAL	<p>Procurement will be in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Standing Orders.</p> <p>Successful tenderers will enter into formal contracts with the Council.</p>		
RISK	<p>Farington Park The proposed improvement works will improve the access and use of the park. Failure to carry out these works would lose the opportunity to bring about these improvements for the local community.</p> <p>Worden Park The proposed improvement works will improve access and address developing health and safety concerns in the areas of the park where the schemes are to be carried out. Should the schemes not go ahead then these concerns will increase.</p>		
OTHER (see below)	<p>Crime and Disorder Improving access and increasing the use of these sites should deter crime and anti-social behaviour by increasing the natural surveillance by park visitors.</p> <p>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion The design proposals for the schemes have taken consideration of Equality and Diversity matters.</p>		
<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Cabinet report February 2012 - Financial Strategy, Budget and Council Tax 2012/13