

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Avril Kerswell

DATE: 28 February 2019

REPORT OF: Interim Head of Operations and
Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Recreation

SUBJECT: Playing Pitch Improvements

PART I

Council is recommended to

- I. Approve capital expenditure of S106 funds for drainage improvement works as outlined for the Council's Playing Pitches Strategy July 2018.
- II. Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Operations, in conjunction with the Section 151 Officer and Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Recreation to award a contract to the most economically advantageous tender for the works following a compliant procurement procedure.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To agree to the capital expenditure of S106 funds to carry out drainage improvement works to Council Playing Fields as highlighted by the adopted Teignbridge Playing Field Strategy

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Executive approved the adoption of the Teignbridge Playing Field Strategy in July 2018. The strategy highlighted the need to improve the drainage on a number of sites to increase the playing capacity of the pitches. Work has been done to clarify the technical specifications for the required improvement along with soft market testing to identify interest in the work and the likely costs associated with putting all the work in one tender to get economies of scale.
- 2.2. Contract documents and specifications have been produced with the input from a specialist consultant and will be put out to tender following approval from Members. This will allow the works to take place this summer and the pitches to be available for September 2019.

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2.3. The works included are for 13 pitches on 4 sites;

Newton Abbot - Decoy Country Park and Bakers Park,

Bishopsteignton - Michaels Field

Dawlish - Dawlish Leisure Centre.

2.4. Devon County Football Association, Town and Parish Councils and local clubs were contacted to give them the opportunity to progress any additional works on their radar whilst the specialist Contractors and equipment was in the area.

3. MAIN IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Finance

Active Leisure Section 106 funding has been obtained through the planning process, with sufficient available for the planned improvements to playing pitches. The estimated value of the works is £240– 280k, subject to a compliant procurement process. S106 funds are time limited in that they must be paid back to the developer if not spent by the agreed date. The contributions have therefore been earmarked towards requirements identified in the Teignbridge Playing Field Strategy.

Revenue implications: Improved drainage reduces grounds maintenance renovation costs. In addition, improved conditions encourage increased use of the pitches.

3.2 Legal /Procurement –

The intention is to procure a contractor using the 'open' procedure for this tender. This is a one stage procurement process.

An invitation to tender (ITT) is provided to any supplier who responds to an advert on the Council's e-tendering portal 'Supplying the South West' (www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk) and expresses an interest in tendering for the Council's requirement. Suppliers are not required to pre-qualify to receive the ITT but they will be required to complete a Selection Questionnaire set out within the ITT document.

There is no short listing step in the Open Procedure and all tenderers that pass the selection questionnaire scoring criteria must be evaluated.

The 'open' procedure is used for all below threshold tender activity to encourage participation from Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs).

The submissions will be evaluated on both price and quality of their bid to ensure that they are competent and have the appropriate experience to carry out the works.

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3.3 Risk

Consents will be required to discharge surface water from the pitches to nearby watercourses or rivers. Some of the sites have these consents in place, however where consents are not in place they will need to be obtained prior to commencing works.

A high pressure gas pipe is located within the Michaels field area at Bishopsteignton. Consultation is underway to establish the extent of drainage works that will be allowed within the vicinity of the gas pipe. This will need to be resolved prior to instructing works to progress at this location.

3.4 Programme

Milestone	Date
Council Approval	28 February 2019
Procurement of contractor	04 March – 12 April 2019
Award contract	Week commencing 22 April 2019
Commence works	July 2019
Complete works	By 30 August 2019

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BELOW TO BE FILLED IN BY THE REPORT AUTHOR:

Wards affected	Dawlish, Newton Abbot, Bishopsteignton
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Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	
Key Decision	Y / N
In Forward Plan	Y / N
In O&S Work Programme	Y / N
Community Impact Assessment attached:	Y / N
Appendices attached:	A: title B: title etc