

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Business Development and Growth (Introduced by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform)	Executive Member Decision	15 th July 2019

KEM MILL LANE PLAYING FIELDS CONTRACT AWARD

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To obtain Executive Member approval to instruct Duncan Ross Land Drainage Ltd to deliver the car park and pitch improvement works at Kem Mill Lane Playing Fields under a JCT Minor Works Contract.
- To obtain Executive Member approval to allocate additional budget and instruct a variation to the contract specification to substitute a recycled tarmac road planings surface for a grasscrete surface.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To approve appointment of Duncan Ross Land Drainage to deliver the proposed works at Kem Mill Lane Playing Fields.
- To approve the additional budget allocation and instruction of a contract variation to substitute a recycled tarmac road planings surface for a reinforced grass system surface.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The original budget for delivery of the car park and pitch improvements at Kem Mill Lane Playing Fields is £53,962.
- Duncan Ross Land Drainage scored highest in the medium value procurement process with a score of 94% and a tender return of £56,849.
- Following comments submitted during planning by local residents and Councillors, it is intended to substitute the proposed steel vehicle gate specified in the tender documents for the existing timber gate and the proposed tarmac road planings surface specified in the tender documents for a grasscrete surface. Duncan Ross have priced this specification change and advise the revised contract price would be £67,382.33 (an increase of £10,533).
- Additional s106 funding totalling £14,434.66 have been identified and can be allocated to the Kem Mill Lane budget.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision?	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

9. The tenders have been evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out within the ITQ with Duncan Ross Land Drainage scoring highest on a cost / quality basis.
10. The specification change priced by Duncan Ross Land Drainage Ltd., has been compared against the prices tendered for reinforced grass systems at Yarrow Valley Car Park in 2016/2017, and is considered to represent good value for money. The increased contract price would still be lower than the other bid of £72,175 received through the initial procurement process.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

11. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

12. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities	x	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	x

BACKGROUND

13. Authorisation to allocate the project budget of £53,962, submit a planning application and procure a competent contractor or contractors to deliver the works was granted following Executive Cabinet Approval on 14th March 2019.
14. The contract award was delegated to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform following Executive Cabinet Approval on 14th March 2019.
15. A medium value procurement process has been undertaken with two tenders being returned. The tenders have been evaluated by a team comprising representatives from the Parks and Open Spaces Team.
16. The tenders were evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the Invitation to Quote documents on a 70% cost 30% quality basis. The returned tender prices varied from £56,849 to £72,175 and the overall combined scores for the returned tenders varied from 94% to 82%.
17. Duncan Ross Land Drainage scored highest with a score of 94% and a tender return of £56,849.

18. Following the identification of the preferred contractor concerns were raised by local residents and Councillors during consideration of the planning application. As a result it has been agreed that the steel vehicle barrier proposed would be substituted for the existing timber gate and the car park surface would be changed from recycled road planings to a reinforced grass system.
19. Duncan Ross Land Drainage Ltd have confirmed that the revised contract price including the change of specification to a reinforced grass system would be £67,382.33 (an increase of £10,533). The increased contract price would still be lower than the other bid of £72,175 received through the initial procurement process.
20. Additional received s106 funding for boroughwide playing pitch improvement totalling £14,434.66, from applications 13/00406/OUT and 13/00715/FUL, have been identified and allocated to the Kem Mill Lane budget.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

21. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

22. Additional received s106 funding for boroughwide playing pitch improvement totalling £14,434.66, from applications 13/00406/OUT and 13/00715/FUL, have been identified and allocated to the Kem Mill Lane budget. The capital programme will be adjusted to reflect this change.
23. Duncan Ross Land Drainage Ltd has a good credit rating

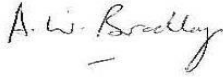
COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

24. The contractor has been identified through a compliant and agreed procurement process. The changes to the works will increase the costs. It is noted that the increase in the contract sum with the chosen contractor is still less than then next cheapest bid for the original works. It is not felt necessary to undertake a further procurement exercise in those circumstances and the current tender process "winner" can be awarded the amended works contract.

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained in Paragraph 2 of the report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.



_____ Dated 19.07.19 _____

Councillor Alistair Bradley
Executive member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform