

Report of	Record of	Date
Director (Planning and Development) (Introduced by Executive Member (Planning and Development))	Executive Member Decision	19 August 2022

## West Way Additional Footpath Contract Award

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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### Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain Executive Member approval to appoint John Wade Groundworks Ltd to construct an additional section of tarmac footpath at West Way Sports Hub for a contract price of £18,976.

### Recommendations

2. To approve the award of the contract to construct the new section of footpath to John Wade Groundworks Ltd.

### Reasons for recommendations

3. Wade Construction Ltd are a reliable contractor Chorley Council have worked with numerous times and submitted the lowest priced bid for the works which were evaluated on a 100% cost basis.
4. The construction of this section of footpath has been highlighted as a priority by site users, Chorley Athletic and Triathlon Club and Astley Village Parish Council allowing a safe pedestrian and cycle provision to the site and connection to bus stops on Chancery Road.
5. Budget authority up to £60k is in place for the provision of footpaths at the West Way Sports Hub as part of the overall capital project

### Other options considered and rejected

6. None. The provision of a safe footpath connection to West Way Sports Hub has been identified as a priority by site users, Astley Village Parish Council and Chorley Athletic and Triathlon Club and the installation of this connection prior to the darker evenings starting in the autumn is sensible.

### Corporate priorities

7. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	A strong local economy
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<b>Clean, safe and healthy communities</b>	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area
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## **Background to the report**

8. West Way Sports Hub pavilion, artificial grass pitch and compact athletics track opened to use in September 2021. Three additional restored grass pitches are ready to come into use in September 2022 placing additional demands on the site and its associated access and parking.
9. Public consultation undertaken in December 2021 with users of the West Way Sports Hub, local residents and Astley Village Parish Council highlighted the need for the footpath connection to provide a continuous safe lit route from Chancery Road underpass to the sports hub. The issue had already been highlighted by Chorley Athletic and Triathlon Club.
10. The grass pitches are due to come into use from September 2022. Despite the provision of an additional 64 overflow car parking spaces which will come into use as part of the grass pitch works it is anticipated that parking capacity at the site will come under increasing pressure. The footpath connection, by providing alternative means of access to the site by foot and cycle along with a direct connection to bus stops on Chancery Road will encourage less people to drive to the site and help alleviate the pressure on parking spaces.

## **Chorley Athletic and Triathlon Club (CAAT)**

11. Discussions continue with CAAT with regard to the provision of a boundary footpath providing a jogging route around the grass pitches. At present insufficient funding is in place to deliver the full boundary jogging route to a specification acceptable to the club. Work is ongoing to alongside CAAT to design and cost an acceptable solution so that funding options can be considered. CAAT have been notified of the intention to construct the section of footpath to Astley Village in the first instance and are in agreement with this approach having been the first stakeholders to identify the current lack of this provision.

## **Quotations**

12. Three quotations were sought for the works which included the following:
  - Excavation and disposal
  - Sub-base
  - Tarmacadam binder and surface courses
  - Concrete edging
  - Installation of electrical ducting and draw pits for lighting to be extended from Sports Hub
13. Three quotes were received ranging in price from £18,976 to £22,235. Quotes were evaluated on a 100% cost basis with John Wade Groundworks Ltd providing the lowest quote.

## **Climate change and air quality**

14. The work noted in this report has an overall positive impact on the Councils Carbon emissions and the wider Climate Emergency and sustainability targets of the Council through the provision of a footpath / cycle route which encourages sustainable

transport to the site by foot / cycle and public transport subsequently reducing the number of vehicle travelling to the site.

15. In particular the report impacts on the following activities:
- net carbon zero by 2030
  - energy use / renewable energy sources
  - sustainable forms of transport
  - air quality

### **Equality and diversity**

16. The construction of the proposed section of footpath will deliver enhanced access to grassroots sport and public open space for all sectors of the community.

### **Risk**

17. None identified.

### **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

18. These costs form part of the overall, approved, capital budget for West Way.

### **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

19. An appropriate procurement exercise has been undertaken for this type of contract.

### **Background documents**


There are no background papers to this report

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Plan of Footpath Route

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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.



Councillor Alistair Morwood  
Executive Member for Planning and Development

Dated 19/08/22

This decision will come into force and may be implemented five working days after its publication date, subject to being called in in accordance with the Council's Constitution.