

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

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| Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker): | Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration |
| Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes): | Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Job Creation |
| Report Author (Officer name and title): | Sarah Gordon, Corporate Procurement and Projects Officer |
| Implementation Date of Decision: | 31 August 2022 |

CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GRASS RUGBY PITCH AND AN ARTIFICIAL 3G SPORTS PITCH

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To confirm the outcome of the recent tender exercise undertaken for the Construction of a Natural Grass Rugby Pitch and an Artificial 3G Sports Pitch.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the appointment of Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. for the provision of these services.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A formal tender exercise was undertaken via the council's e-tendering portal, The Chest, between June and August 2022 in order to select a provider to undertake the works.

A total of 3 bids were received from:

Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. (Scotland)
Horticon Ltd. (Wilmslow)
J Mallinson Ltd. (Ormskirk)

Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. provided the most economically advantageous tender (based on a combination of price, quality and social value) and it is therefore the Council's intention to enter into a formal contract with this supplier.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Part of the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone masterplan phase one implementation involves the development of sport and leisure facilities to enhance the offering to Blackpool residents and its visitors, along with the release of existing facilities for commercial development with overall funding of up to £29.3m approved by Executive in February 2022. This includes the construction of a new natural grass rugby pitch, as well as the installation of an artificial floodlit 3G pitch. There is therefore a requirement to appoint a suitable contractor to undertake the works.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The process was undertaken in line with Public Contract Regulations 2015, the framework guidelines as well as the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Authority has been sought from the Head of Procurement. The Council will enter into a contract with Carrick Sports Construction Ltd.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 In the course of developing this procurement and resulting contract award, we have considered whether there could be unintended adverse impacts on people because of shared characteristics protected by the Equality Act. The specification of requirements necessitated the project to be undertaken in line with Sport England

Design Guidance Note: Accessible Sports Facilities – October 2012 and BS 8300-1:2018: Design of an accessible and inclusive build environment. It should also be noted that the facilities are publicly available to all.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The cost of this contract will be met from current Enterprise Zone budget.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. demonstrated a thorough understanding of the site specific risks of operating in close proximity to a live aerodrome.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. have signed Blackpool Council's Supplier Charter.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the appointment of Carrick Sports Construction Ltd.

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 Carrick Sports Construction Ltd. has provided the most economically advantageous tender based on a combination of quality, price and social value.