

Report To: Environment & Regeneration
Committee

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Subject: Use of Powers Delegated to the
Chief Executive to accept the
lowest tender for Battery Park
Replacement 3G Pitch

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To note the use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest acceptable tender for Battery Park Replacement 3G Pitch.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The 3G pitch at Battery Park was seriously damaged by storms last winter. The damage is covered by insurance however the shockpad under the pitch, while not damaged will require to be replaced as it is near the end of its life and there would not be an opportunity to replace it until the next time the carpet is replaced in approximately 10 years. The Council will require to fund the cost of the shockpad and a minor upgrade to the carpet specification and there is no budget in place.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest tender received for Battery Park 3G Pitch Replacement.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The project comprises the replacement of the 3G carpet and the shockpad. The insurers have agreed to pay for the replacement of the carpet only on a like for like basis. The proposed carpet is a slightly higher specification and the Council will require to meet the differential in cost. The existing shockpad was not damaged however it has deteriorated with age and the bounce characteristics of the pitch have deteriorated as a consequence. The shockpad can only be replaced when the carpet is replaced and therefore if the opportunity is not taken now to replace the shockpad the pitch will not play as well as it should.

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 It is proposed to accept the lowest tender received, that of Fairway Sportsgrounds Ltd in the amount of £191,747.24.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The total cost of the project, including allowances for professional fees, direct works and other charges is £210,922. The insurance company's contribution is £143,355, leaving £67,567 to be funded by the Council.

There is £35,000 contingency remaining in the Strategic Leisure Sites programme and the initial design work at Birkmyre Park drainage improvements indicates that the cost of the necessary work will be well within the available budget of £140,000. It is therefore proposed to fund the Council's contribution by utilising the contingency and transferring £33,000 from the Birkmyre Playing Field Drainage project. It should be noted that the insurers do not contribute to the contingency sum in the contract (£10,000) therefore if this is not expended in part or in whole it will be returned to the contingency.

6.2 Capital Costs

Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Other Comments
Insurance contribution	2012/13	£143,355	Agreed amount from loss adjuster
Leisure sites contingency	2012/13	£35,000	Remaining balance in contingency fund
Battery Park pitch	2012/13	£33,000	Transferred from Birkmyre Park Drainage

7.0 USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS

7.1 The use of Emergency Powers was requested in order that the project could proceed without delay.

7.2 The use of powers delegated to the Chief Executive to accept the lowest tender for Battery Park 3G pitch replacement was authorised by the Corporate Director Education and Communities on behalf of the Chief Executive and by Councillors McCormick, Clocherty and MacLeod.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Financial Officer was consulted on this matter and agreed with the action proposed.
- 8.2 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development, HR and Performance has not been consulted.