



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION TAKEN BY:	Director of Environment & Operations
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

Award of the contract for the supply and installation of play equipment at Blacksnape Play Area.

1. DECISION

1.1 It is recommended that the above contract is awarded to the highest scoring bidder, Kompan Ltd, taking into account price and quality.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

2.1 The Council require a supplier for the supply, installation and refurbishment of the play area at Blacksnape playing fields. The quotation process has been carried out through the CHEST procurement system, with bidders asked to put forward their proposals, including a 3D plan of their proposal and supporting written details. In addition, bidders were asked to submit a fully itemised pricing schedule detailing all the costs for both the equipment and installation/refurbishment works.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Blacksnape Playing fields is a very popular location in Darwen, the grounds are home to a large number of grass football pitches to suit all ages although it is mainly Junior Football that is played with a modern changing facility which is currently under the stewardship of a local football junior club. The Council wish to appoint a play equipment Supplier/Contractor to develop under a design and build form of contract a children's outdoor play area at Blacksnape Playing Fields.

The main project aims are to:

- Provide an imaginative, physically challenging and coordinated play experience for children of all ages and abilities.
- Create a unique and visually inspiring play space, which acts as a destination for residents of the Borough, which families will want to visit repeatedly.
- Ensure a robust and sustainable play space that is cost-effective to maintain and suitable for a green space in a rather exposed (in weather terms) location.
- Ensure that any play equipment currently on site that is in good useable condition remains on site (although it can be moved if needed)
- Provide an area that promotes a safe and fun atmosphere encouraging people to stay and enjoy the area.
- Provide a play area that encourages active play and promotes movement and physical activity.

Two bids were received and evaluated by a panel of 3 officers from the Environment Department and the Contracts and Procurement Team. The bids were evaluated against the criteria published in the invitation to quote document and the successful bidder scored 93.75%.

4. KEY ISSUES AND RISKS

4.1 Due to the age & condition of the current play area, this refurbishment is much needed to ensure the Play space's sustainability for future years.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None. The price quoted by the successful bidder of £100,000 is within the budget allocated for this project via S106 funding.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None. The proposed arrangement is compliant with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procurement Procedure Rules.

7. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED


7.1 Using an established framework agreement however a suitable one could not be identified.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

8.1 All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

None

VERSION:	1
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DATE:	27 May 2022
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None

Signed: 

Director Martin Eden

Date: 30 May 2022