

Environment and Sustainability Committee



Date of meeting 9 November 2021

Title	Outdoor Gyms
Purpose of the report	To make a key decision
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Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a committee decision.
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: A. Delegate the appointment of the contractor to the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment & Sustainability Committee B. Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to complete any legal documentation necessary to implement the new contract.
Reason for Recommendation	The procurement exercise has been undertaken and the tenders evaluated. Due to the timing of the committee cycles the report would not be available for the next E & S committee in November 2021. Delegating the appointment of the contractor will prevent a potential delay to the installation dates.

1. Key issues

- 1.1 In March 2021 the Spelthorne Joint Committee agreed to allocate £610k to purchase and install ten outdoor gyms across ten specific sites in the borough using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. In June 2021 the Environment and Sustainability committee was asked to approve a public consultation exercise. The committee chose not to consult but to go straight out to tender. The procurement exercise then commenced with the tender documents going out in September 2021.
- 1.2 Ten expressions of interest were received followed by four tender submissions, all of which were evaluated in line with the Council's procurement policy.

- 1.3 Suppliers were asked to be transparent in three elements of Quality, Price and Social Value.
- 1.4 The bids have been through a rigorous evaluation programme involving members of the Neighbourhood Services team and the Council's procurement officer. The evaluation panel determined the most economically advantageous tender using set criteria and set questions.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to request the committee to agree the delegation of the outcome of the tendering exercise for the Outdoor Gym Equipment.

2. Options analysis & proposal

- 2.1 **Option 1** (preferred option) To delegate the decision on the contract award to the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Environment & Sustainability (E & S) Committee.
- 2.2 **Option 2** Do not agree to the delegation and submit a report to the E & S Committee in January 2022 for a final decision. If the committee choose this option, it is likely that the tendered price may increase in value, this will also result in the installation and completion dates being delayed.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 The Spelthorne Joint Committee has already agreed to fund the purchase and installation of 10 outdoor gyms across the borough. The allocation of £610k is from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.
- 3.2 There are ongoing revenue costs associated with the provision and general maintenance of the ten outdoor gyms of £5k per year and a revenue growth bid has been submitted for consideration in the budget setting process for 2022/23.
- 3.3 The planning requirement to carry out and produce three flood risk assessments has incurred costs of £3k.

4. Other considerations

- 4.1 Planning Permission is currently being sought for installation of the Outdoor Gym Equipment. This has involved consultation with the Environment Agency due to some of the parks being in flood plain locations.
- 4.2 There is a risk that some residents will not want the introduction of such facilities within their local green spaces. Residents' comments will be received via the planning notices process.

5. Equality and Diversity

- 5.1 The installation of the outdoor gyms acknowledges the diverse needs of our communities and will ensure equal access to gym facilities across the borough. The new facilities will be focusing on a range of groups including

older people, young people, people with a range of abilities and any other disadvantaged individuals or groups.

- 5.2 The equipment will be inclusive for all adults and can potentially help to improve long term health conditions.

6. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 The Council is committed to the principles of Sustainable Development, Environmental Management, and protection of biodiversity. The Council is dedicated to furthering the conservation of biodiversity and requires tenderers to be mindful of this and where appropriate ensure that goods and services do not adversely affect local or global biodiversity.
- 6.2 The sites will be accessible by foot for many residents reducing the need to travel by car.
- 6.3 Standard build indoor gyms are associated with high energy consumption such as heating, lighting, and water all of which are not required in outdoor gym facilities.

7. Timetable for implementation Option 1

Stage / Activity	Indicative Date
Invitation to Tender document issued	13 September 2021
Potential contract award	W/C 15 November 2021
Contract start date	November 2021
Completion of installation	May 2022

Timetable for implementation Option 2

Stage / Activity	Indicative Date
Invitation to Tender document issued	13 September 2021
Potential contract award	W/C 17 January 2022
Contract start date	February 2022
Completion of installation	August 2022

Background papers:

Outdoor gym proposal – Environment & Sustainability Committee report – June 2021

[Outdoor gym proposal Env & Sust Committee report June 21](#)

Appendices:

There are none.