



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL



## Officer Delegated Decision

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer

## Allocation of climate change reserve funding

This report recommends the upgrade of floodlighting to LED for the 3G pitch at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre.

### Contact

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
<b>Decision:</b>	That contract is awarded to Midstream Lighting to complete the upgrades to floodlighting at Grantham Meres 3G pitch.
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	This report is not exempt from publication.
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	The Council's Contract Procedure Rules allow for contracts with a total value of up to £200,000 to be approved by the Director.

## **1. Implications**

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance***

- 1.1 Funding has been identified from the Council's climate change reserve, as the project will deliver an energy and carbon saving. The value of work to upgrade floodlighting to LED is quoted as £22,337.54.
- 1.2 Once the upgrades are completed LeisureSK will benefit from a reduction in utility costs from running the facility.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer

### ***Procurement***

- 1.3 As the value of this contract is under 50K, a compliant process has been followed in line with Contract Procedure Rules and 3 quotes have been sought.

Completed by: Helen Baldwin (Procurement Lead)

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.4 Three quotes from local suppliers have been obtained for the work which is a compliant procurement process.
- 1.5 The Council's Contract Procedure Rules allow the Director to make the decision to award the contract.

Completed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

### ***Climate Change***

- 1.6 The leisure centres within South Kesteven are included within the Council's boundary for carbon reporting. The project outlined to upgrade the floodlighting to LEDs will result in a reduction of energy use for the site and therefore a reduction in carbon emissions reported in future years, helping to contribute to the Council's target of at least 30% by 2030.

Completed by: Serena Brown, Sustainability and Climate Change Officer

## **2. The Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 South Kesteven District Council is currently responsible for the maintenance of three leisure centres within the district. These centres are included within the Council's carbon reporting boundary.
- 2.2 Operation of leisure centre facilities is energy intensive and opportunities to implement improved energy efficiency measures have reviewed in light of the sharp escalation in energy costs from 2022 onwards. These utility costs have had an impact on LeisureSK's operating costs and resulted in requests for the Council to provide support via a management fee increase.
- 2.3 A report reviewing energy efficiency opportunities was completed by Leisure Energy in 2023 highlighting projects for the Council to consider across the centres.
- 2.4 One of the opportunities presented is to upgrade the lighting on the 3G pitch to LEDs, providing a minimum 250 lux suitable for match standard football. Upgrade of the floodlighting at Grantham Meres leisure centre to energy efficient LED has been reviewed and a contractor identified to complete the works identified through a compliant procurement process. The value of the works is £22,337.54 to complete the upgrades in a one week period.

## **3. Available Options Considered**

- 3.1 The Council could choose not to upgrade the floodlighting at the 3G pitch.

## **4. Preferred Option**

- 4.1 To procure Midstream Lighting to complete the works to upgrade the floodlighting at the 3G pitch.

## **5. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

- 5.1 The upgrade of floodlighting will reduce energy consumption at the Grantham Meres site and reduce utility costs for Leisure SK, helping to ensure the sustainability of the centre.

Signed by:

**Richard Wyles**

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**Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer – 16 January 2024**