



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Officer Delegated Decision

30 January 2024

Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief
Executive & S151 Officer

Contract Award for Play Equipment Inspections to Kompan

To award a contract for a period of twelve months to undertake play equipment inspections across the district, including an assessment of life expectancy of equipment.

Contact

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
Decision:	To enter a contract with Kompan for a period of twelve months to undertake monthly inspections on play equipment and provide details on life expectancy.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/a
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Deputy Chief Executive is authorised under at Part 3 (c) for Delegated Powers to Officers, item 28 (Tendering) of the constitution to accept tenders and award contracts to contractors on behalf of the Council.

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 The cost of the 12 month contract amounts to £25,821 and this cost is being covered by a staff vacancy in the team.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

Procurement

- 1.2 The contract award is accompanied by an Exception report in consideration of the urgent requirement of the work to be undertaken following the departure of an Officer who was previously undertaking the work.
- 1.3 The work is essential to ensure the health and safety of users, and in line with the Council's insurance arrangements.

Completed by: Helen Baldwin (Procurement Lead)

Legal and Governance

- 1.3 There are no legal and governance implications arising from this report which are not already referenced.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director – Governance and Public Protection.

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To award a 12-month contract to Kompan to cover operational play equipment inspections across the district for a period of twelve months.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 This work is currently being covered on a short-term basis by two other Officers in addition to their substantive duties. Longer-term this will have a detrimental impact on their work.
- 3.2 The need for this contract has arisen due to an Officer leaving the Council suddenly. The team is currently undergoing a restructure and therefore the twelve

month contract provides time for the structure to be established and the need for a replacement role to be assessed as part of this process.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To enter a twelve-month contract for operational play equipment inspections with Kompan to provide resilience to the team, and assurance to the Council that health and safety and insurance obligations are being complied with.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 The contract with Kompan provides the Council with independent assurance on the condition, suitability and maintenance of play equipment across the district. The life expectancy of each piece of equipment will provide additional benefit and assist the Council to prioritise investment and replacement of equipment.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **30 January 2024**