



**SOUTH
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DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

22 November 2024

Emma Whittaker, Assistant Director of
Planning & Growth



Wellhead Playing Fields, Bourne - Replacement of Play Equipment

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to utilise s106 developer contributions for the replacement of play equipment at Wellhead Playing Fields in Bourne

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Decision made by:	Emma Whittaker
Decision:	To utilise s106 developer contributions for the replacement of play equipment
Public or Exempt:	Public with the exemption of appendix 1
Reasons for exemption:	Appendix 1 includes information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person/organisation
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Assistant Director of Planning & Growth has the necessary delegation to approve the use of s106 developer contributions in line with the constitution

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 Kompan Ltd have priced the project at a cost of £35,176 following the development of a specification and the successful receipt of three quotes from the Council's approved play equipment suppliers.
- 1.2 The Council has two s106 developer contributions allocations amounting to £35,176 allocated to the Wellhead Playing Fields and Bourne area which must be used to replace or enhance play equipment.
- 1.3 As the value of the project is between £10,000 and £49,999 including VAT, there is a requirement to obtain at least three written quotations in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Completed by: **Paul Sutton, Interim Head of Finance**

Procurement

- 1.4 Officers have developed a specification and sought three written quotations from approved Council suppliers for the procurement of the works, to ensure best value. This is compliant with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Completed by: **Helen Baldwin, Procurement Lead**

Legal and Governance

- 1.5 This decision is compliant with the Council's Financial Regulations.

Completed by: **Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Public Protection and Monitoring Officer**

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2024 to 2027 contains the key priorities of Connecting Communities by encouraging sport and physical activity to support healthy lifestyles and reduce health inequalities. The use of s106 developer contributions allocated specifically to play equipment can help to support this aim by improving the assets owned by the Council.
- 2.2 There are two s106 developer contributions for play equipment totalling £35,176 with one of the contributions allocated specifically to the Wellhead Playing Fields

Play Area and the other contribution for use on play equipment within the Bourne area.

- 2.3 The developer contributions relate to applications S14/1684 at a value of £18,534.99 and S16/2285 at a value of £16,641.10.
- 2.4 Following the approval of the Council's Play Area Strategy in July 2024 and the development of an action plan to support this Strategy being endorsed in September 2024, Officers have identified a need to replace some equipment and safer surfacing within the Wellhead Playing Fields Play Area, based on the results of the inspections undertaken and end of life data for the current equipment. This includes replacing the entrance gate to the play area, the multi-purpose Log Climber unit and surfacing, as well as providing additional equipment where funds allow to complement the current array of equipment.
- 2.5 A specification and pricing schedule has been developed detailing the Council's requirements which complement the future design principles of the Council's Play Area Strategy.
- 2.6 The Council has received three written quotations in response to the specification and pricing schedule developed. These have then been reviewed and the decision made to award the contract to Kompan Ltd, whose proposal offered high levels of play value and fully utilised the space available.
- 2.7 Additional equipment was included the design which focused on balance, agility and coordination. As there was also a full overlay of surfacing being undertaken, this reduced the potential of additional costs being required throughout the installation phase.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 The Council could provide the capital investment to undertake the refurbishment of the play equipment within its play areas and as such it does have a budget available for the current financial year. However given the current financial challenges the Council is facing and the rising costs of play equipment, the opportunity to utilise s106 developer contributions to fund replacement play equipment across the District where possible, is fiscally more prudent.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To award a contract to Kompan Ltd to undertake the replacement of play equipment at Wellhead Playing Fields, Bourne.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 A procurement exercise has been undertaken receiving three submissions. Following evaluation Kompan Ltd's submission offered best value in terms of

quality and provided additional play equipment to fully maximise the s106 developer contributions available providing an overall enhancement to the play area.

6. Appendices

6.1 Exempt Appendix 1 – Kompan Ltd Quotation.

Signed by: **Emma Whittaker**

Dated: **22 November 2024**