



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

15 November 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and S151 Officer



Contract Award for Play Equipment Inspections 2025/26

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to award a contract to Kompan Limited to undertake play equipment inspections across the district for a period of 13 months, bringing it in line with the Council's financial calendar at the end of 2025/26.

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
Decision:	To enter a contract with Kompan Limited for a period of 13 months, to undertake monthly operational inspections on play equipment and provide updated 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 contract amounts to £26,180 and this cost is being covered by a staff vacancy in the team.

Completed by: **Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer**

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer has the necessary delegated authority to take this decision.

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

Procurement

- 1.3 The contract award is accompanied by an exception report in consideration of the requirement of the work which is essential to ensure the health and safety of users, comply with the Council's insurance arrangements and to assist in delivering the Council's Play Area Strategy.

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

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To award a 13 month contract to Kompan Limited to cover the monthly operational play equipment inspections from March 2025 to April 2026, which will then bring it in line with the Council's financial calendar.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 Historically these inspections were undertaken by an Officer of the Council who left suddenly, following which interim arrangements were put in place for Kompan Limited to undertake the work for a period of 12 months.

3.2 It was anticipated that during this period a restructure would be completed and a replacement role assessed as part of this process. The restructure is still ongoing with the amalgamation of teams and a review of the FM services contract.

4. Preferred Option

4.1 To enter into a contract with Kompan Limited for a further 13-month period to undertake the monthly operational play equipment inspections, providing resilience to the team and that both health and safety and insurance obligations are complied with.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

5.1 The contract with Kompan Limited provides the Council with independent assurance on the condition, suitability and maintenance of play equipment across the district. The updated 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: **15 November 2024**