



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

16th December 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and Section 151 Officer

Allocation of climate change reserve funding

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

Contact

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
Decision:	That a contract is awarded to Midstream Lighting to complete the upgrades to floodlighting at Grantham Stadium.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	This report is not exempt from publication.
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	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 The value of work to upgrade floodlighting to LED is quoted as £56,500. Once the upgrades are completed LeisureSK Ltd. will benefit from a reduction in utility costs from running the facility.

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

Procurement

- 1.2 Three quotes from local suppliers have been requested for the work. Two have provided a quote for the work and one did not submit a response.
- 1.3 Frameworks were reviewed for this requirement, however due to it being a specific need none were identified as fitting for this work.
- 1.4 Contract value is a little over the 50K threshold for quotations, however as this is under the Regs threshold, not risk of challenge and has demonstrated value for money

Completed by: Helen Baldwin, Procurement Lead

Legal and Governance

- 1.5 The Council's Contract Procedure Rules allow the Director to make the decision to award the contract via an Officer Delegated Decision notice.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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 Manager

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 Ltd'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 Following a programme of investment across the leisure portfolio to upgrade existing equipment to maximise energy savings, the opportunity has been identified to replace the current metal halide lanterns providing illumination in the Stadium to LEDs.
- 2.5 Three quotes were requested for the upgrades. One of the suppliers approached did not provide a response.

	Midstream	Bidder 2
Cost	£56,500.00	£57,334.62

- 2.6 The detailed savings of this are presented below.

Cost of upgrade	Indicative payback	Estimated annual savings		
		£	kWh	CO2
£56,500.00	2.8	£19,900	82,960	18.67

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 The Council could choose not to upgrade the floodlighting at the stadium. This would mean operation of the facility, particularly in darker winter months, remains expensive and at risk of failure.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To procure Midstream Lighting to complete the works to upgrade the floodlighting at the stadium.

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**

Dated: **16 December 2024**