

Meeting	Cabinet Resources Committee
Date	25 February 2013
Subject	Barnet Copthall Site Improvements
Report of	Cabinet Member for Environment
Summary	This report seeks approval to (1) complete a Tender exercise in order to select a supplier to complete drainage and ground work improvements to the Barnet Copthall Playing Fields and (2) to accept the receipt of various grant funding applications.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	Mill Hill
Key Decision	Yes
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Executive
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Barnet Copthall Site Improvements Strategic Outline Case
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee approve the undertaking of a tendering process in order to select an appropriate contractor to complete the ground and drainage works for the Barnet Copthall Site Improvements project.**
- 1.2 That the Committee approve the acceptance of various grant funding applications set out in this Report, by means of the Council entering contracts for each of the applications with the relevant provider, in order to deliver the drainage project.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 None

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities, Supporting residents to live healthy and independent lives – through improved facilities the Greenspaces team will be able to increase the number of pitch lettings offering more residents of all ages the opportunity to take part in regular sport and exercise.
- 3.2 A successful London suburb, Protecting the Barnet environment – by providing a reinforced grass area that can be used for car parking and informal play the Greenspaces team will be to safeguard the grass verges around the Copthall Estate which are damaged by the large numbers of cars which park along and on them each week. Through the improved site layout residents will be able to access and enjoy more of the site on a regular basis and encouraging them to use the site correctly without causing damage to the fields and pitches.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There is a risk that if any of the various funding bids being applied for are not successful that the scale of the pitch improvement works would need to be reduced. As it stands the project aims to improve the pitches spread across three fields. The tender will be broken down by field and line item so that the available funding can be focused where it can have the biggest impact on improving the quality and drainage of the pitches should any of the bids fail. See section 9.1 of this document for up to date information relating to each of the funding applications.
- 4.2 With the planned improvements allowing for an increased number of pitches there will be an increase in cars on the site at weekends in order to cater for their needs

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 In providing the Services, the successful contractor shall, to the same extent as if it were a public authority within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 (or any European equivalent), be required to comply with the 2010 Act together with all applicable amendments, regulations and Codes of Practice or any future or other legislation which concerns discrimination in employment and service delivery (the Equalities Provisions) and shall in particular comply with the public sector equality duty under Section 149.
- 5.2 The Tender exercise will require that all interested companies complete the London Borough of Barnet's Diversity Monitoring Form and the responses to the diversity monitoring form and other relevant equalities information will be taken into account in the tender evaluation.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 The Drainage and Car Park work stream of the project is estimated to cost £500,000, the tables below set out the funding plans for all the project work streams. The project team has received confirmation of the grant award from the London Marathon Trust and the bids to Sport England and Football Foundation will be submitted in February 2013. All three grant bids are required to be match funded by the Council.

Drainage and Car Park Work Stream

Organisation	Revenue	Borrowing	Grant Funding Applications	Total
LBB - Greenspaces		£100,000 (Required match funding)		£100,000
London Marathon Trust			£150,000 (Funding has been successfully approved and will be awarded subject to the receipt of the other funds)	£150,000
Sport England			£50,000 (Application to be submitted Feb 2013)	£50,000
Football Foundation			£150,000 (Application to be submitted Feb 2013)	£150,000
Saracens Rugby Club	£50,000			£50,000
SUB TOTAL				£500,000

Goal Post Work Stream

Organisation	Revenue	Borrowing	Grant Funding Applications	Total
LBB - Greenspaces	£13,550			£13,550
Football Foundation – Goal Post Matching Scheme			£13,550	£13,550
SUB TOTAL				£27,100

Street Lighting Work Stream

Organisation	Revenue	Borrowing	Grant Funding Applications	Total
LBB - Greenspaces		£120,000 (Capital funding confirmed and work stream completed)		£120,000
SUB TOTAL				£120,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS				
TOTAL				£647,100

6.2 As detailed in the Council's CPR's – E-tendering process 9.3 - The procurement portal is to be utilised for all procedures in excess of £25,000. As such the tender would be listed on Procure for London procurement portal.

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7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 Notwithstanding that the value of the Works fall below the requisite European Tender Thresholds the procurement processes must comply with the European procurement rules and the Treaty obligations of transparency, equality of treatment and non discrimination, as well as the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

7.2 Prior to the Council committing itself to the Contract the Council must ensure it has have sufficient contractual safeguards in place, to ensure the Council has obtained the necessary funding so that the Council will be able to meet it obligations for payment under the Contract.

7.3 Contracts for each of the grant applications will need to be entered by the Council subject to prior legal vetting by the Council's legal advisers.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 Council Constitution, Contract Procedure Rules, Table 5.1: Authorisation and Acceptance Thresholds for Works, Supplies and Services. Requires that authorisation for schemes £500,000 or above not previously authorised by the Budget and supporting plans and strategies, Cabinet Resources Committee authorisation is required.

8.2 Council Constitution, Contract Procedure Rules, Table 6-1: Barnet Tending and Quotation Thresholds for Works, Supplies and Services. Requires that for works contract with an estimated value of between £500,000 and up to £4,348,349 an approved tendering process is required and tender review process must be used.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 The Greenspaces team in partnership with Saracens Rugby Club have developed a project that would see investment and improvements to the Sports Pitches on the Cophall Estate.
- 9.2 The project has four main objectives;
- 9.2.1 To improve the quality of the pitches through the use of pitch drainage that will increase the frequency of which each pitch can be played on.
 - 9.2.2 To increase the number pitches from 15 to 23. There will also be an increase in the types of football pitches on the site introducing 5, 7 and 9 a side in order increase and improve on youth football.
 - 9.2.3 To create a reinforced grass area that can be used for parking and informal play.
 - 9.2.4 To improve the quality of Street Lighting along Champions Way and Greenlands Lane.
- 9.3 A Strategic Outline Case (SOC) was developed. Since the approval of the SOC – Barnet Cophall Site Improvements the project has developed in the following areas;
- 9.3.1 Works have started on site to improve the existing street lighting along Champion Way and Greenlands Lane.
 - 9.3.2 The London Marathon Trust has confirmed that the funding application for £150,000 has been successful and the full amount is to be awarded to the project.
 - 9.3.3 The project team have met the Football Foundation on a number of occasions regarding the project and the bid is being constructed for submission by the end of January 2013.
 - 9.3.4 A funding bid is being constructed to be submitted to the Sport England Protecting Playing Fields fund early in February 2013.
- 9.4 The next step in the project is to complete a Tender in order to find an appropriate contractor to complete the required improvement works and so the Committee is asked to authorise the Tendering of this works.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 None

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