
REPORT TO:	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	3 rd APRIL 2003	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT – STATION STREET RECREATION GROUND, CHURCH GRESLEY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	CHURCH GRESLEY / CASTLE GRESLEY	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM

1.0 Reason for Exempt (if appropriate)

1.1 Not applicable

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Members approve the establishment of a politically balanced ad hoc group to evaluate tenders for the provision of new play equipment and safety surfacing at the above site.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To outline the reasons behind the need to establish this group.

4.0 Executive Summary

4.1 Finance is available to provide an up to date play area at Station Street Recreation Ground, Church Gresley. Tenders for the work are due to be returned on 8th April 2003. To assist in the delivery of the project Members are asked to approve the establishment of an ad hoc group to evaluate tenders. Full Council would then consider which tender the group recommends for acceptance on 17th April 2003.

5.0 Detail

5.1 £35,000 has been allocated in this year's capital programme to provide new play equipment and safety surfacing at Station Street Recreation Ground, Church Gresley. The source of the finance has been Section 106 monies arising from new housing development in Gresley.

5.2 The site serves a distinct local catchment area, a catchment that has expanded greatly over recent months with the building of a new housing estate in close proximity to the site. The existing equipment is in very poor condition and fails to conform to current standards. Every attempt is being made to deliver the project as

early as possible in the financial year to give the community the benefit of the facility during the summer months.

- 5.3 Four companies have been invited to tender on the basis that £32,500 was available to do the work. £2,500 of the initial £35,000 being allocated to procure external support to produce tender documentation and to supervise the work on site. Tenders are due to be returned on Tuesday 8th April 2003.
- 5.4 In seeking bids based on the level of finance available, price will not be the key factor in the evaluation of tenders. While some financial analysis will be undertaken on the individual items that make up the project, the key determinant will be how closely the tenders meet the requirements of the specification.
- 5.5 With previous projects parish councils or 'Friends of' groups have been involved in deciding which tender best meets their requirements. Unfortunately, neither of these options is available for this project.
- 5.6 To evaluate these tenders, as expediently as possible, it is proposed to establish a politically balanced ad hoc group. It is suggested that this group comprise the Chair of Housing & Community Services Committee and the three local Gresley Ward Members. To give the group political balance a nomination is sought from the Conservative Group. If Members approve the setting up of the ad hoc group a meeting has been provisionally arranged for 9th April 2003.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 As identified in clause 5.3 above

7.0 Corporate Implications

- 7.1 None

8.0 Community Implications

- 8.1 Establishment of this ad hoc group will allow for this much needed community facility to be available for use during the summer months.

9.0 Conclusions

- 9.1 To accord with the Council's Constitution it is proposed to establish a politically balanced ad hoc group with responsibility for evaluating tenders to provide new play equipment at Station Street Recreation Ground, Church Gresley. If the recommendation is approved the Group would meet fairly quickly and then make recommendations to Full Council of which tender they consider the most appropriate.