

11. PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS - KING GEORGE V SKATE PARK

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Estates seeking approval to carry out a tendering process for the procurement of a wheeled sports facility using the open tendering procedure, taking account that the evaluation criteria for price was below the recommended 50% weighting for the criteria set out in the report.

The Head of Finance and Estates explained that under National Planning Policy Guidelines the council undertook an audit in which parks were scored according to quality, condition and functionality criteria. This audit informed the open space strategy to improve the King George V Park, Whitburn. Community placemaking consultations were held and a wheeled sport facility was identified as a facility that would be beneficial for people of all ages to exercise, relax, learn and socialise.

The design of a wheeled sports facility was of a specialist nature which required experienced design input. The project would be managed in-house by the relevant Briefing & Liaison Officer who would prepare all the necessary contract documentation (including project brief) and manage the contract during on-site operations.

The requirement would be advertised in accordance with the European Union Directive and as this market was relatively limited, it was proposed that the Open Procedure would be used whereby all suppliers expressing an interest in the contract would be invited to tender. It was also being recommended that the award criteria for quality was rated higher than the price to ensure the design was rated high and therefore it was proposed to apply the weighting of 30% for price and 70% for quality. The anticipated start date for the contract was October 2014.

Further information pertaining to the contract concerning budget implications and sustainability considerations were detailed in the report.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve :-

1. The use of the Open Procedure for the procurement of a specialist contractor for the design and works of a skate park at the King George V Park using the evaluation weighting of 30% price/70% quality; and
2. The award criteria as set out in Section D of the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.