


DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Whinfield Footpath Improvements
Officer Requesting Decision	Green Spaces Officer
Officer Making the Decision	Chief Officer - Leisure and Wellbeing
Authority for Decision	<p>Delegated authority under paragraph 2.1(g) of Part 2B of Rugby Borough Council's Constitution – the Executive Director is authorised to exercise wherever appropriate the functions allocated to the heads of service in paragraphs 2.3 to 5.2 of the scheme of delegation to officers.</p> <p>Delegated authority under paragraph 2.3 (b) of Part 2B of Rugby Borough Council's Constitution - each head of service is authorised to take any action to maintain the operation and effectiveness of services within his or her remit.</p> <p>Delegated authority under paragraph 2.9 (bb) of Part 2B of Rugby Borough Council's Constitution - the Head of Environment and Public Realm is authorised to authorise expenditure to carry out works in recreation grounds, allotments or other land under an approved scheme and in accordance with the approved budget and deal with applications for concessionary use of leisure facilities in accordance with Council policy.</p>
Recommendation	To appoint JP Landscapes in relation to the Whinfield Footpath Improvements and enter into a contract for the same using Rugby Borough Council's consultancy terms and conditions. The price for this work is set out in JP Landscapes Request for Quotation return document dated [x]
Alternatives considered and rejected	<p>1. To appoint an alternative contractor to carry out the Whinfield Footpath Improvements; or</p> <p>2. To not appoint a contractor to carry out the Whinfield Footpath Improvements</p>
Decision	Approve

Reason	<p>To avoid damaging Rugby Borough Council's reputation with partner organisations who have supported the bid, and external funding sources who may become less inclined to consider offering funding to the council in the future.</p> <p>An external contractor is required for the Whinfield Footpath Improvements as the necessary skills, experience and capacity, or BS EN Standard compliance and certification are not available internally within the Council.</p> <p>The Council has allocated funding to install the surfacing and associated landscaping which are necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve accessibility to the sites and make the sites more inclusive and promote walking, running and cycling; • to make the sites safer by resolving the poor/unsafe conditions and compliance with current relevant BS EN standards; and • to improve/increase the accessibility and aesthetics of the sites promoting more healthy active lifestyles and resident's physical and mental development, health and wellbeing • to prevent degrading the biodiversity and environmental value of the sites through wear and compaction. <p>JP Landscapes provided the most economically advantageous compliant Request for Quotation return as part of the procurement process and have therefore been selected for appointment.</p>
Date	05 October 2021
Background Papers	The JP Landscapes Request for Quotation document is "confidential information" for the purposes of regulation 9 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations
Decision record kept until	05 Oct 2027

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