



Vale of White Horse

District Council

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	Name of decision maker	Councillor Charlotte Dickson	
2	Type of decision (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	Key Yes	Other
3	Date of decision (This should be the same as the date form signed)	November 2015	
4	The decision	To authorise the head of economy, leisure and property, as provided for in contracts procedure rule 99(a) and in accordance with the terms and conditions of ESPO framework contract 345 fitness equipment, to enter into a draw down contract with Technogym to replace the gym equipment and provide additional gym equipment at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (WHLTC).	
5	Reasons for decision	<p>As part of its bid for the ten year joint 2014 leisure management contract, GLL proposed a number of capital investment schemes, which the Vale Council agreed to fund in return for increases in the leisure management fee paid by GLL. These schemes include a phased replacement of the gym equipment at all three Vale gyms – the third to be delivered being the WHLTC – and the provision of additional gym equipment for a gym extension at the WHLTC. At full council in May 2014, money was allocated to the approved capital programme in order to fund these schemes.</p> <p>The existing gym equipment at WHLTC was installed in 2007. The equipment is tired; showing signs of wear and tear, and is in need of replacing. In addition, the gym extension at the WHLTC will require some additional gym equipment. As agreed under the leisure management contract, the existing equipment is to be replaced during 2015/16 and the additional equipment is to be provided in spring 2016. These will be placed as two separate orders.</p> <p>GLL uses Technogym as its preferred gym equipment supplier across its estate. The existing gym equipment at WHLTC is also supplied by Technogym. Both parties are content with the performance of this equipment and customers are familiar with</p>	

		<p>using it.</p> <p>Due to the financial value of the Vale Council's responsibility to purchase gym equipment under the leisure management contract, appointing an equipment supplier would ordinarily be subject to a full OJEU procurement. However, as a named local authority, the Vale Council is eligible to draw down from the ESPO framework for the provision of gym equipment. Suppliers listed on this framework were selected following a full OJEU procurement exercise and, therefore, this obligation has already been fulfilled. <i>Under the framework the Vale Council is able to either drawdown from one supplier – provided the Vale Council is satisfied that the equipment offered meets its needs and represents value for money - or undertake a mini-competition to select the most economically advantageous supplier.</i> In this instance, the Vale Council wishes to draw down directly from Technogym to ensure compatibility with existing kit. Having compared prices available under the framework, officers are satisfied that Technogym offers the Vale Council the most economically advantageous option.</p> <p>In order to meet the requirements of the 2014 joint leisure management contract, whereby the Vale Council funds the capital schemes in return for an increased management fee from GLL, the cabinet member for leisure is asked to authorise the head of economy, leisure and property, under the ESPO framework, to enter into a draw down contract with Technogym to supply and install replacement and additional gym equipment for the WHLTC.</p> <p>Provision of up to date equipment and facilities is key to achieving two of the key priorities for the leisure management contract – increasing usage and customer satisfaction.</p>
6	<p>Alternative Options rejected</p>	<p>One option would be not to replace the WHLTC gym equipment at this point. Another project that formed part of the contract award to GLL is a proposal to extend the gym at the centre and an argument could be made that all the gym equipment should be replaced when this work completes in May 2016. Choosing this option would result in the Vale Council not meeting its obligations under the joint 2014 leisure management contract with GLL to replace the existing equipment in 2015/16 and it is considered preferable that this equipment is replaced now in order to maintain customer satisfaction levels during the building works and additional equipment provided when the gym extension is complete.</p> <p>A third alternative would be to undertake a full tendering exercise for the provision of gym equipment. Following this process would be a huge demand on resources (both at the Vale Council and also potential suppliers) and would not allow the replacement and additional gym equipment at the WHLTC to be provided until much later; therefore, delaying the benefit to the customers and also the positive impact on the management fee, which has already been factored into the GLL leisure management contract agreement.</p>

7	Resource implications	None.
8	Legal implications	A draw down contract will be entered into for the purchase of the goods.
9	Financial implications	At its meeting on 15 May 2014, full council approved a budget of £382,750 to fund replacement and additional gym equipment at WHLTC during 2015/16. This money was added into the capital programme. GLL based its contract submission on the basis that the capital improvements would be funded and delivered as per the proposals in its bid submission. The management fee, which has been factored into the medium term financial plan revenue budgets, already reflects the additional management fee that is being provided as result of the capital works being implemented.
10	List of consultees (See guidance below)	Finance – Rhona Bellis – 2 November 2015 Legal – Pat Connell – 27 October 2015 Head of Economy, Leisure and Property – Chris Tyson – 28 October 2015 SMB – David Buckle – 3 November 2015 Cabinet member - Charlotte Dickson – 3 November 2015
11	Reports and background papers considered	None
12	Date of receipt of reports	N/A
13	Declarations of interests	None
14	Dispensations	None
15	Is this decision confidential and if so, under which exempt category?	No
16	“Call in” waived?	No
17	Signature and date	Charlotte Dickson Decision maker 3 November 2015 Dated

18	<p data-bbox="225 80 477 259">Details of publication on the web and date of expiry of "Call In"</p> <p data-bbox="225 264 477 344">Note: This part of the form will be completed by democratic services</p>	<p data-bbox="507 114 1166 152">Date of expiry of "Call In": 10 November 2015</p> <p data-bbox="507 188 999 226">Date published: 3 November 2015</p> <p data-bbox="507 262 1342 300">Date hand delivered to chair of scrutiny: 3 November 2015</p>
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