

**ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL – 3rd JUNE 2020**

REPORTS BY THE TOWN CLERK

**ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC GARDENS PLAY
AREA REFURBISHMENT**

FOR DECISION

The Town Council put out to tender a brief for the refurbishment of the Public Gardens Play area, including replacement of end of life items, renovation of items which could be reused and full replacement of safety surfacing. The tender specification is contained in Members bundles and expressions of interest were received from 10 companies with quotations being received from 6 companies (1 company submitted two tenders, so 7 listed in total)

During the initial lockdown period this project was placed on hold but given the continued closure of play areas but with manufacturers and installers now back working, it was felt appropriate to table this project for members approval in anticipation of completing the work within the next 2 months.

The budget for Public Gardens Play Area is as follows:

Total cost **£50,000**

Breakdown of Funding Resources

S106	£22,485
Alton Town Council	£12,000
EMR Capital Reserve	£15,515

Affordability

The Town Council approved operating budget for 2020/21 includes £12,000 towards the new play area alongside to use alongside £15,515 the accrued ear marked capital reserve, built up over the last 5 years (capital reserve currently holds £58,250)

The S106 application has been recommended for approval by all of the district councillors and is awaiting sign off by the Head of Service at EHDC in June.

Tenders

Included in Members bundles are full copies of the tenders received and the table below including the name of the suppliers so they can be checked against the tenders. These documents are not themselves in the public domain as they identify the individual tenderers which for commercial sensitivity should remain confidential. However, a summary table is presented below for the public.

Having unsealed and reviewed the tenders, officers would advise that all companies except company E satisfied the budget requirement. Of all of the tenders received, officers, in their evaluation, felt that company G offered the most imaginative and interactive facility, made good use of the existing facilities, reusing where appropriate but also made full use of the budget available for providing new equipment. However, Members are requested to make their own evaluation in reviewing the information provided.

Supplier code	Surfacing costs	New Equipment	Refurbishment	Total
A	£25,992.70	£5,371.70	£9,000.00	£40,364.40
B	£22,899.52	£3,360.27	£0.00	£26,259.79
C	£27,158.39	£9,429.86	£7,591.61	£44,179.86
D	£27,158.39	£9,488.37	£7,591.61	£44,238.37
E	£31,656.00	£11,525.00	£6,950.00	£50,131.00
F	£33,931.00	£8,352.00	£4,815.05	£47,098.05
G	£30,273.60	£13,938.07	£5,737.13	£49,948.80

RECOMMENDATION: Members are requested to approve their preferred supplier

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29th January 2020

Dear Sirs,

Playground Refurbishment, Public Gardens, Alton GU34 1EN

As part of the Town Council's rolling programme to improve playground facilities in the town it has decided to replace or refurbish the existing play equipment and surface at the Public Gardens. The play equipment is 10 years old and some will need to be replaced, however as part of the Town's green agenda would be keen for items to be refurbished where viable. The piece of specialist equipment for children with additional needs is to remain within the new design.

If you would like to submit a proposal, this should take the form of just one large plan (landscape) showing proposed layout and all equipment. The budget for the project is up to £50,000 and costings should be set out in a separate document. No other information is required at this time. The proposals will go on public display this spring for comment.

Proposal should be received at the above address by 31 March 2020 and, in the meantime, if you would like to discuss the project, possibly on site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Simson
Assistant to Town Clerk

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PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT AT PUBLIC GARDENS, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE

BROAD SPECIFICATION

1. To refurbish recoverable pieces of play equipment or supply and install new equipment at location shown on the attached map.
2. Target age group: primary school and children with special needs.
3. There is an existing climbing frame for older children, situated outside of the play area, which is dated and we invite imaginative solutions to replace this equipment elsewhere on the site.
4. There is no specific instruction about the materials to be used, however the Town Council would request details of durability of equipment suggested.
5. Safety surfacing is to be recommended as part of the plan.
6. No equipment shall provide shelter i.e. a roof under which users can congregate.
7. All equipment to be removed is to be disposed of offsite. The items being refurbished will include the Ability Swing with wheelchair platform.
8. Storage and staff facilities can be provided in the adjacent depot area to minimise costs.
9. The quote should include a post installation ROSPA/Independent Inspection