

**MULTI PITCH 5-A-SIDE FACILITY AT THE OVAL, BEBINGTON**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the tenders received and to seek approval of the lowest tender.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Funding to develop an 8 pitch 5-a-side facility at the Oval has already been approved, minute 506, Cabinet 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006 and minute 99, Council 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006. This scheme is being funded from prudential borrowing.

2.2 On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006, Cabinet resolved that approval be given for the appointment of Bureau Veritas Consultancy Service to provide specialist consultancy advice and project management for the development of this scheme.

2.3 Due to other major projects currently being carried out on the Oval site, the delivery of this scheme has had to be delayed in order to gain safe access to the work area.

**3.0 TENDERS**

3.1 Following design brief agreement and planning permission being granted, six companies were invited to tender. Unfortunately, when these tenders were opened on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 they all exceeded the agreed funding of £600,000. Therefore, the design brief was reviewed and reductions made, these included the pitch construction being changed from an engineered to a dynamic base and the bitmac perimeter paths and shrub planting be omitted. Three companies were then invited to re-tender during July 2007 for a design and build scheme.

3.2 The submitted tenders were as follows:-

Blakedown Sport and Play Ltd, Banbury, Oxfordshire	£509,918
Thornton Sports, Altham, Lancashire	£526,298
Mastersport, Rochdale, Lancashire	£552,992

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All professional services for the scheme including project management, quantity surveying and CDM regulations co-ordination are being provided by Bureau Veritas and Walfords.

4.2 This 20 week project is funded from the prudential borrowing code and once completed will provide significant income.

## **5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The new facility will offer sporting provision for persons of all ages and abilities, including those with disabilities and special needs.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 It is intended as part of this scheme that the current CCTV installation at the Oval will be extended and improved.

## **8.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 This scheme will enhance an existing local sports facility and thus encourage greater opportunities for people in the community to develop their fitness and health.

## **9.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Full planning consent was received on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007 (ref DPP/2007/5468).

## **10.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **11.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **12.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 This scheme is located within the Bebington ward but will be used by people from across the borough and further a field for various sporting events.

## **13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13.1 There are none.

## **14.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

14.1 That approval be given to award the contract to Blakedown Sport and Play Ltd for the development of an eight pitch five-a-side facility at the Oval Sports Centre.

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