

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Director of Neighbourhoods

KEY DECISION: NO

DIRECTORATE: Neighbourhoods

WARDS AFFECTED: THE WIRRAL TENNIS AND SPORTS CENTRE IS LOCATED IN THE BIDSTON AND ST.JAMES WARD.

SUBJECT: Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre – Procurement of Fitness Equipment.

1.0 DECISION: FOR THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES TO ACCEPT AND AWARD THE CONTRACT IN THE VALUE OF £155,000, TO PULSE FITNESS LIMITED, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW FITNESS EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AT THE WIRRAL TENNIS AND SPORTS CENTRE.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 Members have agreed to the redevelopment of the Wirral Tennis and Sports Centre (Minute 9 – Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee – 16th June 2022) and a sum of money has been identified within the Capital Programme to complete these works - £2.756M.
- 2.2 This redevelopment has been profiled/designed in partnership with a specialist leisure development company, taking in to account the newly agreed Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and the individual and local community needs.
- 2.3 The redevelopment will include a new state of the art spinning studio, a new fitness suite, Active TAG and Soft Play zones (within the old sports hall – ages 0 -11), catering facilities and dance studios. We are aiming to attract a wider and larger customer base in line with the outputs determined in the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, thereby increasing participation and income, and reducing the reliance on a Council revenue subsidy.
- 2.4 A detailed specification of fitness equipment requirements was issued to procurement colleagues and a suitable framework was identified to call off against. A direct award to Pulse Fitness Ltd, allows Leisure Services to maintain a competitive fitness offer across the Invigor8 membership product.
- 2.5 There are no additional financial implications associated with this contract, as the fitness equipment costs are all accounted for, within the main contract price.
- 2.6 The contract sum for the purchase of fitness equipment, is £155,000.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

4.1 None

Signed:

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Date:

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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