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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report and Presentation to Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date: 23 September 2019

Report of: Director of Leisure and Community

Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACT – OPERATOR OF REMODELLED ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

SUMMARY

Following a detailed procurement exercise, a preferred operator has been identified to run the remodelled Ferneham Hall. A presentation will be given to the Scrutiny Panel on 23 September outlining in detail the procurement process, tender evaluations and preferred operator. By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, any discussions around the award of contract will be exempt.

The Scrutiny Panel will be asked to comment on the contents of the presentation. These comments will be tabled when the 'Award of Contract – Operator of Remodelled Entertainment Venue' report is presented to the Executive on the 26 September 2019.

At this meeting, the Executive will be asked to approve the appointment of the preferred bidder.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are now invited to consider the contents of the presentation and pass any comments to the Executive.

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Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel Briefing Paper

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Briefing by:	Director of Leisure and Community
Portfolio:	Leisure and Community

INTRODUCTION

1. This briefing paper presents the background on the 'Award of Contract – Operator of Remodelled Entertainment Venue' agenda item that will be presented at the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting on Monday 23 September.

BACKGROUND

2. An initial vision to create a new community arts and entertainment venue to replace Ferneham Hall was approved by the Executive in July 2018. A Member Working Group was set up at the time to oversee the project.
3. The Council's Vision identified that the skill required to programme and operate the new venue, meant that management by an experienced Leisure Trust operator would be required.
4. One of the main strands of work of the Ferneham Hall project has been the procurement of an experienced operator to run the remodelled venue when it opens in 2022.

PREFERRED BIDDER

5. Following a detailed procurement exercise, the evaluation process identified a preferred bidder, and this was supported by the Member Working Group on 4 September.
6. A report seeking approval to formally appoint the preferred bidder is scheduled to be presented at a Special Executive Meeting on 26 September. The report will:
 - Provide an overview of the procurement strategy;

- Give details on the procurement process and evaluations of tenders; and
- Propose the preferred bidder for approval

7. The Executive will be asked: -

- That the tender submitted by the contractor ranked 1, being the most advantageous tender received, be accepted and the contract awarded to the company; and
- That the 2nd ranked contractor be appointed reserve bidder

8. The agenda and accompanying report for the Executive Meeting will be published on Wednesday 18 September.

LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL

9. At the Scrutiny Panel meeting, Members will receive a presentation providing an overview of the contents of the Executive report, including details of the procurement process, tender evaluation and preferred bidder. This item will be restricted as it will contain commercially sensitive information.

10. Members will be asked to comment on the contents of the presentation. These comments will be tabled and considered at the Special Executive meeting on 26 September.

CONCLUSION

11. Scrutiny Panel Members will have the opportunity to comment on the procurement process, tender evaluation and preferred bidder identified to run the remodelled Ferneham Hall. Their comments will be tabled when the 'Award of Contract – Operator of Remodelled Entertainment Venue' report is presented to the 26 September Executive.

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