FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

2019/20 Decision No. 2127

Record of Decision by Executive

Thursday, 26 September 2019

Portfolio	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Award of Contract - Operator of Remodelled Ferneham Hall
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priority:	Leisure opportunities for health and fun

Purpose:

This report seeks approval to award the contract to operate the remodelled Ferneham Hall on behalf of the Council to the preferred bidder.

The skills required to programme and operate the remodelled Ferneham Hall means that management by an experienced Leisure Trust operator is required. At its meeting on 9 July 2018, the Executive approved the procurement of an experienced operator to run the new venue.

A joint approach to procuring operators for Ferneham Hall and the Council's two Leisure Centres, Fareham and Holly Hill, was approved by the Ferneham Hall Project Member Working Group on August 2018.

This report seeks approval for the operator of the remodelled Ferneham Hall. A report will follow in November seeking approval for the appointment of an operator to run the two Leisure Centres.

Following a detailed procurement exercise, the two final bidders have provided submissions that offer a varied and high-quality programme of events and activities. Both will enable Ferneham Hall to be a vibrant venue with activity throughout the day and evening. The evaluation of the submissions and preferred bidder are provided in confidential Appendix A to the report.

The Member Working Group agreed to the preferred bidder being presented to the Executive for approval on 4 September. The Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel was provided with a confidential presentation regarding the procurement process, tender evaluations and preferred bidder on 23 September. The comments of the Scrutiny Panel were reported to the Executive at its meeting on 26 September.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

During the debate of this item, the Executive noted that the use of future CIL would have the effect of limiting the Council's ability to fund other community related projects that would ordinarily utilise CIL.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that:

- (a) the tender submitted by the contractor ranked 1st as set out in the confidential Appendix A to the report, being the most advantageous tender received, be accepted and the contract awarded to the company; and
- (b) the 2nd ranked contractor, as set out in the confidential Appendix A, be appointed reserve bidder.

Reason:

To allow Ferneham Hall to be run by a skilled and experienced Leisure Trust operator whilst ensuring the most economically advantageous deal for the Council.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader) Thursday, 26 September 2019