

PROCUREMENT OF WORKS TO PLAYGROUNDS

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Wards affected: (All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:
Appendices (attached):

Summary

To seek the Committee's approval to commence a Threshold 3 RFQ procurement process for the works to refurbish and replace playgrounds and recreation facilities across the borough, fully funded through Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) **Approve the commencement of a tender process for the refurbishment and replacement of eight playgrounds/recreation facilities to a total value of £1,060,053, funded by Strategic CIL.**
- (2) **Note a further report will be brought forward following completion of the procurement process, seeking approval to appoint the Preferred Supplier for the refurbishment and replacement of the eight playgrounds/recreation facilities.**
- (3) **Nominate and authorise the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Environment Housing and Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Legal Services to take all necessary steps to bring into effect the recommendations resolved by this Committee.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSOs), where the value of a contract is more than £750,000 (ex. VAT), Committee approval is required prior to commencing the procurement process.

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2 Background

- 2.1 At the Strategy and Resources Committee on 25 September 2025, approval was granted for the release of £1,060,053 in Strategic CIL funding to improve eight playground/recreation facilities for young people and families across the borough.
- 2.2 The eight sites across the borough that will benefit from these works are:
- Curtis Road Playground
 - Warren Rec Playground
 - Court Recreation Ground play areas
 - King George V (Poole Road) playground
 - King George V (Poole Road) MUGA
 - Alexandra Recreation Ground youth play area
 - Alexandra Recreation Ground basketball/football zones
 - Chessington Road playground
- 2.3 Whilst funding has been secured, in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSO's), procurement cannot commence without the express permission of the relevant committee.
- 2.4 This report seeks approval from members to commence the tendering process and complete the Threshold 3 procurement report for works between £25,000 and £4,298,086 (excl VAT),

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed as part of Threshold 3 procurement report.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 Improved play facilities have a positive impact on young people and their families and help to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour.

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3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 Safeguarding considerations will form part of Threshold 3 procurement report.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications for the Council's revenue budget, as this project is fully funded from Strategic CIL.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Financial implications are included in the body of the report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 All legal matters, including contract preparation and compliance with the relevant legislation and regulations, will be addressed throughout the procurement process.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal support will need to be provided throughout this project by either the Council's legal team or external legal advisors.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Effective Council
- Safe and Well
- Green and Vibrant

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None

6.5 **Partnerships:** None

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- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** There are no Local Government Reorganisation implications at this stage of the procurement process, as approval is sought to commence the procurement only. It is noted that, should the procurement progress to contract award, this may fall within the period during which Local Government Reorganisation arrangements are in place, and any decision to award a contract may be subject to further consideration or approval under the relevant governance arrangements at that time. This position will be kept under review as the procurement progresses.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- EPSOM AND EWELL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - ANNUAL FUNDING AWARDS 2025 ([\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Strategy and Resources Committee, 25/09/2025 19:30](#))

Other papers:

- None