

Forward Plan Select Committee

Tuesday, 28th February 2006

Briefing notes on Issues included in the Forward Plan Issue 2005/06

SERVICE AREA:

Report ref	Report title
	Retendering Leisure Management of Vale Farm and Charteris Sports Centres
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The 2004 Best Value Review of the Sports Service recommended that the leisure management of Vale Farm and Charteris Sports Centres be retendered when the contract expires on 31st April 2006. A new service specification was written specifically to help the Council achieve its social objectives and deliver quality services for all its communities. The specification focussed on encouraging participation and use of the sports centres by target groups and by proactively engaging with low and non user groups.</p> <p>The contract was advertised and four companies completed the prequalification questionnaire and were invited to tender. During the tendering process Greenwich Leisure Limited and Enfield Leisure Centres Limited withdrew. Submissions were received in July from Parkwood Leisure and Leisure Connection Ltd. Initial evaluations highlighted concerns regarding the bids received and it was concluded that the mandatory standard bids were not actually compliant.</p> <p>All four companies were given the opportunity to resubmit bids by mid October and bids were received from Leisure Connection and Parkwood. This has added approximately three months to the tender process.</p> <p>A below the line report was produced for the Executive in January 2006 updating Members on this process and the way forward. The original timetable required the contract to be awarded at the January Executive in order for the new contract to commence from May 2006. However in order for officers to pursue further work on the tendering process the timetable needs to be extended and an extension to the existing contract is being negotiated with the existing contractor for a further 6 months.</p> <p>A report is planned for the April Exec recommending the award of contract. The new contract will then commence from 1st November 2006 allowing time for all the legal documentation to be completed and the contract signed before commencement.</p>	

Nature of Decision to be taken/Intended Outcome:

Timescale for decision:

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