POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2013

TENDER ACCEPTANCE REPORT – ABOYNE ACADEMY - UPGRADE ALL WEATHER PITCH
CONTRACT 17478

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:

1. Gives approval of the project cost of £296,907.30. inclusive of associated costs detailed in the report.


2. Background

2.1 The requirement for a community All Weather facility in Aboyne has been identified as a priority in the Marr Area Plan. A community project group was established to move this project forward, which included representatives from the school, who have identified a need to replace the existing 'red blaes' pitch facility at the academy. The proposed work represents a project to both improve existing outdoor school pitch facilities and also provide a valued community resource that can be used for physical activity and sport. The community group has raised approximately 50% of the project cost through developer contributions and local fundraising, with the rest of the project cost obtained from the Council. The project is anticipated to cost approximately £350,000 inclusive of fees.

2.2 The works comprise upgrading the existing blaes pitch with a modern all weather synthetic multi-use grass surface to FIH and FIFA 1 star certification including new perimeter fence, floodlights and drainage.

2.3 The new generation of artificial surfaces is easier to maintain than natural grass fields and provides an excellent playing surface which accommodates considerably more use that the natural grass equivalent.

2.4 The Head of Finance has been consulted and is in agreement and notes the proposed funding package.

2.5 The Monitoring Officer within Corporate Services has been consulted and has no comment.

2.6 The Procurement Business Partner has been consulted and has no comment.
3. **Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications**

3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was not required because the recommended actions will not have a differential impact upon people with protected characteristics.

3.2 Tender documents were issued to the following contractors:-

- Hunter Construction
- Replay – Ecosse
- DOE Sports (North) Limited
- Sportsmasters UK Ltd
- Land Engineering (Scotland) Ltd

3.3 Tender sums in ascending order, before and after checking, were as follows:-

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One contractor failed to return the tender documents

3.4 The lowest correct tender in the amount of £ 280,101.23 was submitted by DOE Sports (North) Limited

3.5 The overall cost of the project is inclusive of 6% property costs is £296,907.30.

3.6 There are no direct staffing implications for this project.

3.7 The cost of the project is being met from:

- Capital Plan, School Enhancement Budget £ 122,907.30
- Community Development Group £ 30,000.00
- Mid Deeside Limited £ 22,000.00
- Local Fundraising £ 5,000.00
- Planning Gain £ 117,000.00

**Total** £ 296,907.30

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