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Our ref: KC/000044

09<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Reference: Walton-on-the-Naze – Waterslide/ Remedial Repairs

Dear Cllr Mick Barry, Cllr Mark Stephenson and Cllr Peter Kotz

Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles is a vibrant TDC Sports Facility which was built in 1991. The Sports Centre's pool is popular with residents and visitors to the area. The pool has a teaching pool leading from the Main Pool with a waterslide sitting adjacent to the teaching pool. Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles is the only Centre in Tendring District Council's portfolio of sites which has both a separate teaching pool and a waterslide. The slide is regularly maintained and inspected by external specialist contractors. Due to the ageing condition of the waterslide we are now due some substantial works to ensure the integrity of the waterslide is maintained.

As such, this concurrence is to seek funds to complete remedial repairs where osmosis has caused the gel coat to crack leaving rough edges on 11 sections (inclusive of the stop board) within the waterslide. Additional repairs required within the teaching pool where brickwork is showing signs of chlorinated water damage to the structural column and pool lip. Both of these remedial repairs are required to ensure the integrity and longevity are not compromised so that facilities remain safe and operational.

For the works to be safely completed during normal operational hours, the waterslide will remain closed for a period of 2 weeks, during works the contractor will maintain safety by installing extraction within the teaching pool area. The teaching pool will also need to be closed for the duration of the works whilst contractor's work on site. Through liaison with the contractor it is hoped that the teaching pool will be re-opened in the evenings for swimming lessons. The impact on customers will be limited as far as practicable with customers being communicated with for any closures that may be required.

Unfortunately, it has been very challenging and difficult to source companies to complete the desired level of works and as such there has been only one company that has come forward for completion of all works within their entirety. Due to this, a procurement exemption is sourced to appoint Hickman Leisure Services Ltd (Waterslide Specialists) to complete all remedial repairs to ride surfaces to ensure the health and safety of our customers.

The total cost of all works as noted above is £14,975, excluding VAT. Therefore, a total sum of £14,975 is requested to proceed with works.

As part of the Council's 10-year financial plan, a £50,000 contribution per annum is being made to a Leisure Capital Projects Reserve to enable a proactive approach to maintaining the various Leisure Facilities. Therefore, it is proposed to use up to £14,975 from the revenue-reserved accounts to support the work.

If you agree with the exemption of procurement to award of contract, and entering into contract (under a purchase order arrangement) with Hickman Leisure Services Ltd, then I would be grateful if you would sign and return the concurrence below.

Yours sincerely

Kieran Charles, BA Hons, MCIMSPA  
Sport and Leisure Operations Manager

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Dear Kieran

I refer to your letter dated 09<sup>th</sup> July 2024, requesting my approval of a procurement exemption to award and enter a contract (under a purchase order arrangement) with Hickman Leisure Services Ltd (Waterslide Specialists) to proceed with the waterslide and associated remedial repairs at Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles. The total cost of these works is up to £14,975, and to fund these works from the reserved contribution.

- I concur / ~~do not concur with~~ the use of these funds for the purpose described above.

Cllr Mark Stephenson, Leader, and Portfolio for Finance and Governance

  
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Dated 10/7/24

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Cllr Mick Barry, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm

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Cllr Peter Kotz, Portfolio Holder for Assets

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Additional comments (if not concurring)

