

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Community Services	Decision Number: D240046MEM
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Date: 7 May 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

TO APPOINT BLOOMFIELDS CHARTERED TOWN PLANNERS TO UNDERTAKE WORK ON A MASTERPLAN FOR TONBRIDGE FARM SPORTSGROUND.

The Cabinet Member for Community Services resolved that:

- (1) Bloomfields Chartered Town Planners be appointed to undertake work on a masterplan for Tonbridge Farm Sportsground.

Reasons for decision:

The Council has identified Tonbridge Farm Sportsground as an area that has potential for further improvement opportunities that deliver:

- Accessible facilities for the whole community.
- A sustainable future for Tonbridge Angels Football Club.
- High quality play space for children and young people of all ages.
- Appropriate levels of parking and access to the site for a range of users.
- Changing facilities to support the users on site.
- Sports pitches to meet the needs of the various sports and leagues utilising the site, with the opportunity for expansion of operations and facilities to bring new sports and users to the site.
- A financially sustainable site.

Companies provided submissions when tendering for the work which included:

- Production of two options of high-level master planning that consider;
 - Provision, scale and location of identified uses (one option that considers reprovision of some uses from the Angel Centre and one that does not include these uses)
 - Site constraints and opportunities
 - Emerging Planning Policy
 - Delivery and phasing
 - High level financial model including opportunities for external funding opportunities and use of s.106 contributions.

Following evaluation of the tender submissions, Bloomfields Chartered Town Planners scored highest and were therefore appointed to undertake the work. The cost of the works is £14,750 to be funded from the Tonbridge Town Centre Reserve.

The complex nature of opportunities at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground requires external expertise to assist in creating a Masterplan to achieve the aims outlined above. Bloomfields Chartered Town Planners provided the best tender submission for this work.

Signed Cabinet Member for Community Services:	D Keers
Signed Leader:	M Boughton
Signed Interim Chief Executive:	A Stanfield
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This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.