

## URGENT INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION – 15 March 2021

Decision by	Councillor Jasbir Anand – Environment and Climate Action
Subject	<b>Award of Contract for Landscaping Works at Glade Lane Canalside Park</b>
Portfolio	Environment and Climate Action
Authority	Constitution part 3 Section 3

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Decision:	That the Portfolio Holder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) notes and agrees the proposal to undertake landscaping works at Glade Lane Canalside Park, Norwood Green (to include the importation of soil) and the significant improvements that can be delivered at the location.</li><li>ii) notes steps taken to procure a contract for the provision of the landscaping works and agrees that Woodland Environmental Ltd is the successful bidder.</li><li>iii) authorises the award of a contract to Woodland Environmental Limited from March 2021 to January 2022 to construct, complete and maintain the landscaping works.</li><li>iv) notes that awarding of this contract will contribute £0.375m in 2020-21 to meet the approved budget target. The estimated net income in 2021-22 was not budgeted and it was anticipated that the net income forecast position would be reported through the monitoring process.</li></ul>
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Reason for decision And Options Considered:	In 2019, the Council commissioned Lambert Smith Hampton (at that time the Council's property agents) to provide support to the Council subject to an initial desktop appraisal of Planning Policy and Environmental Permit, suitability for potential soil importation works at a range of sites including Ealing Central Sports Ground and Glade Lane Canalside Park. It was at that point made clear that soil importation was to be undertaken with the purpose of retaining these sites for outdoor sports and recreation and that importation would be in keeping with the landscape characteristics of the respective locations. The legislative process for implementing these projects had been twofold. In the first instance, a suitable Planning Consent must be acquired and then subsequently an Environmental Permit is required prior to commencement. The initial desktop appraisal indicated a level of soil importation at Glade Lane in the region of 50,000 cubic metres.
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Please see report attached

Working with Lambert Smith Hampton, the Council was already delivering a successful sport pitch upgrade at Ealing Central Sports Ground at no net cost to the Council. Having succeeded with this project the next location to be developed was Glade Lane Canalside Park.

A robust review of the soil importation potential and a new opportunity to increase levels due to the Environment Agency's approval to import soil over the area of the site that was fly-tipped in 1995/95 had provided a significant opportunity to increase levels of import from 50,000 cubic metres to somewhere between 100,000 and 148,000 cubic metres. The original/lesser scheme was anticipated to yield a net payment to the council of approximately (£0.350m).

Having achieved Planning Consent in September 2020; Lambert Smith Hampton tendered the project in November 2020. In seeking competitive proposals from suitable contractors with a relevant track record, sufficient secured projects to meet the importation requirements and experience of obtaining suitable Environmental Permits to undertake the proposed works, the most financially advantageous bid was tendered by Woodland Environmental Limited.

Date of Implementation: 15 March 2021

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Report published 15 March 2021

Opposition consulted 12 March 2021

Decision recorded 15 March 2021

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Call-in deadline Urgent decision exempt from call in

Reason for urgency The reason for urgency was:

Please see report attached The contract needs to be entered into urgently because the fluidity of the associated market means that any delay could jeopardise the tendered sum. It was in the public interest to restore this open space to enable public access at the earliest opportunity.

Urgent, pursuant to the following procedures:

Rule 4 (c) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (meeting called at less than five clear working days' notice)

Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (impractical to comply with Forward Plan requirements)

Rule 5 of appendix to the Access to Information Procedure Rules (urgent ICMD)

Rule 16 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (special urgency and exemption from call-in)

The decision will be reported for information to the next full meeting of council.



Cabinet member's signature.....  
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