

## Haringey Council

### Written Statement/Record of a decision made by an officer under delegated authority.

<b>Decision Maker (Post Title)</b>	Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development
<b>Subject of the decision</b>	Approval for Implementation of Standing Order 9.07.1c and awarding of a contract to McArdle Sports Tech Ltd. for undertaking the construction of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Wood Green Common.
<b>Date of decision</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024
<b>Decision</b>	For the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to approve the implementation of Contract Standing Order 9.07 .1c. and award a contract to McArdle Sports Tech Ltd to undertake works to build the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) as per submitted designs. The specific works are expected to be for a total period of sixteen weeks (16) weeks from the end of October 2024 with the wider works completing by Spring 2025 and public opening expected to be by May 2025. The total contract value is up to £333,260.
<b>Reasons for the decision</b>	<p>Following the Football Foundation’s compliant procurement process, McArdle Sports Tech Ltd. have been awarded the contract to deliver all works in the London area and it is a provision of the grant for Haringey. Therefore, Haringey have joined the Football Foundation’s framework through an additional client joining agreement.</p> <p>We have been awarded a grant of up to £249,945 from the Football Foundation Playzone fund which, together with match funding, will enable the implementation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) within Wood Green Common.</p> <p>Noel Park Ward has a deficit in sports and recreational facilities and the MUGA has been the most asked for feature during consultation and engagement surrounding Wood Green Common.</p>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision</b>	<p>Do nothing: Rejected, as not accepting the grant would result in loss of up to £249,945 of partnership funding for the Wood Green Common scheme. This would prevent the planned improvements from taking place, which have been devised with residents, schools, Ward Councillors and local stakeholders, who now have raised expectations.</p> <p>Use the money for something else: Rejected, as the grant offer is ringfenced for a new MUGA at Wood Green Common.</p>

<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Details of any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision and details of dispensation granted by the Council’s Head of Paid Service</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b><u>Conflicts of interest – Non-executive decisions</u></b></p> <p>Where the decision is taken under an express delegation e.g. by a Committee, the name of any Member who declared a conflict of interest in relation to this matter at the committee meeting,</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Title of any document(s), including reports, considered by the officer and relevant to the above decision or where only part of the report is relevant to the above decision, that part)</p> <p>These documents need to be attached to the copy of this record/statement kept by the Authority but must not be published if they contain exempt information</p>	<p>Football Foundation Grant Offer Letter dated 14/06/24, REF: G-217715. Please note we have had written confirmation from the Football Foundation of an extension to the acceptance of the grant offer until the end of September 2024.</p> <p>Wood Green Common Playzone Funding DAR.</p>
<p>Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf or</p> <p>Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf)</p> <p>Decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	<p><i>A. Blandford</i></p>
<p>Name of Decision Maker</p>	<p>Anna Blandford</p>
<p>Does the decision need to be published</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Y</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p>

## DECISION REPORT

### **Not for Publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972**

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**Report for:** Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

**Item number:** N/A

**Title:** Wood Green Common Playzone Contract with McArdle Sports Tech Ltd

**Report authorised by:** Pippa Gueterbock, Head of Wood Green Area Regeneration

**Lead Officer:** Alia Khonji, Regeneration Officer, Wood Green Area Team

**Ward(s) affected:** Noel Park, Woodside

**Report for Key/  
Non-Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision

#### **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 To consider implementation of Contract Standing Order 9.07.1 c), which provides that a director may award, assign, or novate contracts valued up to £500,000 (five hundred thousand pounds).

#### **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1. That the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development approves the implementation of Contract Standing Order 9.07.1c. and awards a contract to McArdle Sports Tech Ltd to undertake works to build the Multi Use Games Area at Wood Green Common as per submitted designs.
- 3.2. The works period is expected to be for a total period of sixteen (16) from the end of October September 2024 with the wider works completing by Spring March 2025 and public opening expected to be by May 2025. The total contract value is up to £333,260.

#### **4. Reasons for decision**

- 4.1. The grant of up to £249,945 from the Football Foundation's Playzone fund will enable the implementation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) within Wood Green Common.
- 4.2. Following public consultation and engagement with local stakeholders and Ward Councillors, a project plan has been co-produced, allowing for phased improvement of the park. This project moves the Council closer to ensuring equal access to high quality greenspace across the borough.
- 4.3. The Football Foundation has offered 75% of the total project cost of £333,260, subject to a maximum payment of £249,945. Haringey Council will contribute the other 25% ie up to £83,315 of match funding.
- 4.4. The Council-funded element of this proposal, ie up to £83,315, will be met by up to £62,500 from the Parks and Leisure Active Life in Parks programme, under capital scheme 313/10006347 and up to £20,815 from Wood Green capital programme, under capital scheme 480/10006781.
- 4.5. The tender pack was specified by Haringey's Parks Development Team and the Wood Green Regeneration Team, based on experience of procuring similar works within parks, and the work carried out by the appointed architects. The plans have been designed by Muf Architecture/Art, based upon the community consultation.
- 4.6. A sports pitch construction contractor is required to build the designed scheme, working collaboratively under the direction of the Programme Manager with support from Muf Architecture/Art. The condition of the Football Foundation grant is to use their framework approved contractor, namely McArdle Sports Tech Ltd.
- 4.7. Final sign off will only be given upon completion of an appropriate safety report.
- 4.8. For this commission, the Council has reviewed the procurement process undertaken by the Football Foundation and joined their framework as an additional client in order to issue the contract directly to their approved supplier Mc Ardle Sports Tech Ltd.

#### **5. Alternative options considered**

- 5.1. A do-nothing approach has been rejected, as not accepting the grant would result in loss of up to £249,945 of partnership funding for the Wood Green Common scheme. This would prevent the planned improvements from taking place, which have been discussed with residents, schools and local stakeholders, who now have raised expectations.
- 5.2. This funding cannot be used for a different project as the grant offer has been ringfenced for a new MUGA at Wood Green Common.

#### **6. Background**

- 6.1 The Wood Green Regeneration Framework sets out how we aim to invest in new and improved streets and spaces that are accessible, welcoming, playful and active, with places to dwell designed for all of the community and improved key East/West and North/South pedestrian and cycle routes. Through the GGF3 and SCIL funded Wood Green Common projects, Haringey are expecting to deliver a new set of schemes that will support connectivity between them.
- 6.2 The projects and proposals have come directly from recommendations arising from the Connecting Wood Green Good Growth Fund (GGF 1) scheme. This involved the in-depth engagement of multiple stakeholders to develop briefs for projects that are needed in Wood Green. During January 2020 public feedback and engagement events regarding the GGF1 projects and future schemes indicated support for these projects.
- 6.3 Haringey Council submitted the first stage of an application for the 'Adaptive Wood Green' proposal to the GLA in September 2019 and after being successful at that stage, a revised proposal was submitted in February 2020. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, the GLA announced that in-principle approval had been granted in respect of a request for GLA monies for up to £972,500 of capital funding.
- 6.4 In the Summer of 2020, the London Mayor also announced the Better Building/Accelerator Fund. The fund is aimed at regenerating key areas across the City. The Good Growth Fund Accelerator supports regeneration of town centres and high streets through public realm improvements. Haringey Regeneration were invited to submit projects for the funding stream and in November 2020 were successful in acquiring £850,000.
- 6.5 In December 2020 Haringey Cabinet approved funding for £750,000 of Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (SCIL) to undertake improvements to Wood Green Common/Barratt Gardens. In addition, Haringey Council Parks and Leisure were also successful in achieving £44,750 towards the improvement of the play area in Wood Green Common.
- 6.6 The project has improvement opportunities for Wood Green communities as a core aim, working in partnership with young people, key partners and local communities offering physical improvements to place - delivered in partnership with local people, upskilled and empowered to make the changes they want to see.

## 7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

This project delivers against a number of different Corporate Delivery Plan themes and objectives.

**Responding to the climate emergency** – Haringey Council's Climate Change Action Plan underpins the delivery of projects in Adaptive Wood Green, to deliver improved air quality and carbon reduction through School Streets, active travel and green grid improvements. More specifically, the Wood Green Common scheme includes swales, tree and meadow planting and the MUGA itself also features SuDs. The overall scheme net gain in biodiversity exceeds the 10% or more required by the Environment Act 2021.

**Children and Young People** – The MUGA has been the most asked for feature during consultation and engagement, particularly by young people. Key staff, children and young

people from all schools in the area have been involved in the design development for the wider common and the MUGA.

**Adults Health and Welfare** – The proposed MUGA will provide a new sports and recreational facility within the common in a Ward that is currently lacking in such facilities, helping to encourage outdoor activity amongst the local community. The overall scheme will enhance the existing green space and contribute to improved wellbeing.

**Placemaking and Economy** – The Wood Green Common scheme will protect and improve an existing park by creating a public realm that is cleaner, greener and safer for all users of the area to better encourage community use. The project will also help promote “green pathways” towards the Wood Green High Road to support and facilitate access to the Town Centre, and consequently to support businesses to thrive in a changeable economy.

The partnership funding will contribute toward the outcome of improving access to greenspace for all, as well as local strategic outcomes from the recently adopted Parks and Greenspaces Strategy, the key aims of which are:

- **Inclusion and Wellbeing** - Providing inclusive parks and greenspaces that all communities in Haringey can benefit from so that usage and enjoyment of our parks and greenspaces reflects the communities living in Haringey and contributes to improved wellbeing.
- **Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainability** - Supporting the Council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency by reducing the carbon footprint of parks and greenspaces, protecting and promoting biodiversity, and helping educate everyone in Haringey about contributing towards saving the planet.
- **A Quality Service** - Securing investment, improving standards, partnerships, communications, and outcomes.

Additionally, the Physical Activity and Sport (PAS) Strategy was adopted in 2019 to inform the future approach towards the provision of physical activity and sport.

The PAS Strategy has its own Vision to:

*‘create and embed a culture of activity so that Haringey becomes one of the most physically active and healthy London boroughs.’*

- **Inclusion**  
There is a strong correlation between physical inactivity and deprivation and between being active as a child and continuing to be active into adult life.
- **Improving access to good quality, active environments**  
Activity takes place across a range of environments including in parks and greenspaces, play facilities, leisure centres and as part of our day-to-day life by walking and cycling.
- **Access to parks and greenspaces**  
This is poorer in the east of Haringey. The street environment is also less attractive for walking and cycling because of high traffic flow and greater housing density, so physical improvements are required to create better conditions and facilities and improve access.

**Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

**8. Finance**

This report seeks approval for contract award to McArdle Sports Tech Ltd to undertake works to build the Multi Use Games Area at Wood Green Common for c.£333k.

Approximately 75% (c.£250k) of the project cost will be met from the Football Foundation grant funding and the remaining balance from both Park Active Life capital budget (£62.5k) and Wood Green Regen (20.8k) capital budgets.

It is anticipated that the delivery of the Wood Green MUGA will be completed within this financial year.

**9. Legal**

The Assistant Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

The Council is receiving grant funding from the Football Foundation for the works to be carried out at Wood Green Common. It is a condition of the funding that the Football Foundation's Framework Agreement is used for the procurement of the works contractor. The Framework Agreement has been reviewed by Corporate Procurement and they have confirmed that it is compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and that the Council is eligible to use it,

The Assistant Director of Regeneration and Economic Development has power to approve the award of contract under CSO 9.07.1 (c) (award of contracts under £500,000).

The Assistant Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing the Assistant Director from approving the recommendations in this report.

**10. Procurement**

Strategic Procurement (SP) note that this report relates to the approval to award a contract for the construction of a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) at Wood Green Common to McArdle Sports Tech Ltd via the Football Foundation's PlayZones Framework. McArdle Sports Tech Ltd were awarded a place on the framework to deliver all grant funded works in the London area.

The adopted procurement route is in line with Regulation 33 of the Public Procurement Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015).

SP support the recommendation to approve the award in accordance with CSO 9.07.01(c).

**11. Use of Appendices**

**12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

Not applicable