

Newfields Playpark Accessibility

Recommendations:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consider waiving the procurement rules for specialised work for gate hanging at Newfields playpark. 2. Council is recommended to consider the proposal below. 		
	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?	Yes	
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	4701	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	Yes	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A review of the access to Newfields Playpark highlighted that the park was not easily accessible to wheelchair users. Officers were directed by Council to correct the issue. 2. Over the summer our regularly used groundwork contractors, were unable to take the job on until October due to their seasonal workload. 3. Officers sought advice from Kompan, the company that provided and installed the majority of the Council's play equipment, for alternate contractors who would be able to fulfil the brief. 4. Kompan cautioned against using a general contractor who would not be experienced in hanging soft-close gates to playpark standard because of remedial issues that regularly arise (eg soft-close gate closing at unsuitable speeds). 5. In September a Durham based specialist company was approached and has quoted for the work but it has proved difficult to identify another specialised fence installer in the north-east to fulfil the procurement requirements. 6. The quote for the work (re-securing existing fence posts, replacing soft-close gates and infilling matching fencing) is £2,426.27 ex-vat. 		
Issues arising from proposal		
None.		
Rationale for recommendation		
To waive the procurement rules to allow this piece of work to go ahead with a specialised contractor.		