

4.3 TENDER FOR CARLSON RESERVE CRICKET NET REDEVELOPMENT (CF2023075: AH)

Responsible Director: Jarrod Doake

RECOMMENDATION*

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender from SmartGrass for Carlson Reserve Cricket Net Redevelopment, Contract No. 2023075 for a fixed Lump Sum of \$473,427.90 with an extra \$47,342.90 for Contingencies, \$14,202.83 for Project Management and \$6,976.20 for Construction Phase Design Services;*
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreement;*
- 3. Notes that the anticipated project expenditure including the fixed Lump Sum, Contingencies, Project Management fees, and Consultancy Services is \$541,949.83;*
- 4. Approves additional funding of \$46,949.83 required for this project.*

*(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Inclusive unless stated otherwise).*

INTRODUCTION

Council has conducted a tender for Contract 2023075 – to deliver the construction phase of Carlson Reserve Cricket Net Redevelopment.

As part of its planning process for this tender, Council Officers considered its procurement options, including whether to go to market itself, participate in regional or sector collaboration or to access established contracts via other compliant Procurement agreements.

The decision was made to solely tender the construction works as they are isolated to a parcel of land in Monash and are not beneficial to the surrounding municipalities.

BACKGROUND

Carlson Reserve Cricket Net Redevelopment was identified by Active Monash as a high priority for redevelopment in 2020 - 2021. The project was put forward following a condition inspection undertaken by officers that prioritised the renewal of these nets ahead of other similar type facilities. Further information was considered including age and deterioration of the facilities, need for regular maintenance and reactive repairs, and the orientation of the nets which is in the non-preferred orientation as outlined in the Cricket Victoria Facility Guidelines.

Site investigation, concept planning, community consultation, and detailed design was completed in the 2021 – 2022 financial year with the intention to deliver construction in 2022 - 2023.

The project will deliver an increased amenity with the facilities expanding from two cricket net lanes to three, supporting the demand for this type of facility in the area. The project will also see the new cricket nets relocated off the Council owned land and onto a parcel of underutilised Melbourne Water owned land adjacent to Carlson Reserve. The cricket nets will remain accessible via Carlson Reserve and available for community use and formal cricket club training at all times.

Officers from Property Services, Active Monash and Capital Works have worked collaboratively with Melbourne Water to secure this parcel of land via a Land Use Agreement. This will also create further participation through active recreation opportunities on Carlson Reserve where the former cricket nets were positioned.

The project scope will deliver:

- Cricket Victoria compliant synthetic cricket training facility
- Three cricket training lanes
- Extended synthetic surface run-up area that will reduce the requirement for ongoing turf maintenance to high wear areas
- Separate fenced storage area to support winter season goal posts and portable coach's boxes

NOTIFICATION

A public notice was placed in The Age newspaper on 22 October 2022 and the tender closed on 11 November 2022.

TENDERS RECEIVED

Three (3) tender submissions were received by the appointed closing time.

The tenders received are listed below:

| TENDERERS SUBMITTED | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Tiger Developments Victoria |
| 2 | Hendriksen Contractors |
| 3 | SmartGrass |

TENDER CONFORMANCE

All submissions were assessed for their compliance with the tender conditions including the contractual terms and conditions and the requirements of the response schedules.

All tender submissions were deemed conforming.

TENDER EVALUATION

All members of the evaluation panel signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms and no conflicts were raised.

The shortlisted tenders were assessed in accordance with the following criteria as per the tender documentation.

| ASSESSMENT CRITERIA | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Quality Systems | Pass/Fail |
| OHS | Pass/Fail |
| Mandatory Insurances | Pass/Fail |

| KEY SELECTION CRITERIA | CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS | SUB CRITERIA WEIGHTINGS | SUB CRITERIA |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Capacity and Capability | 20% | 5% | Experience |
| | | 5% | Resources |
| | | 5% | Risk Management |
| | | 3% | Legal Compliance |
| | | 2% | Performance and Innovation |
| Project Timelines | 10% | 4% | Start and Completion timeframe |
| | | 6% | Proposed Program |
| Sustainability (Mandatory) | 20% | 8% | Environmental Sustainability |
| | | 6% | Local Sustainability |
| | | 6% | Social Sustainability |
| Price | 50% | 50% | Price |

DISCUSSION

Three tender submissions were received in response to the advertised tender package.

SmartGrass is well regarded in the sport field construction industry having successfully delivered sports infrastructure projects for other metropolitan councils. SmartGrass has not previously undertaken works for Monash Council but is well regarded by other

metropolitan councils for successfully delivering projects on time and within the allocated budget and this was further reiterated throughout the reference checks performed.

Representatives from two metropolitan councils, Kingston City Council and Whitehorse City Council were contacted with both reporting a positive experience, noting in particular the ease of communication and responsiveness, attention to detail and with particular emphasis on delivering projects as per the agreed delivery schedule and willingness to work reasonably with Council through any variations required in delivering the contract.

The evaluation panel recommends SmartGrass as representing the best value outcome for Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The adopted 2022/23 budget makes provision for this project in the Capital Works program as follows:

| Capital Budget Allocation | \$ GST Ex. | \$ GST Inc. |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Project C09351 - Carlson Reserve Cricket Net Redevelopment | \$450,000 | \$495,000 |
| TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET | \$450,000 | \$495,000 |
| Total Anticipated Project Expenditure Based Upon SmartGrass' Submission | | |
| Lump Sum Price | \$430,389 | \$473,427.90 |
| Construction Phase Design Services | \$6,342 | \$6,976.20 |
| Contingency | \$43,039 | \$47,342.90 |
| Project Management/Delivery Fees | \$12,911.67 | \$14,202.83 |
| ANTICIPATED TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$492,681.67 | \$541,949.83 |

There is a budget shortfall of \$46,949.83 (GST Inc) for this project. The increased cost of this project is reflective of construction industry wide escalation in costs being experienced across Australia.

The additional funding required for this project will be managed in delivering the overall 2022/23 Capital Works program.

SUSTAINABILITY OUTCOMES

SmartGrass has identified a number of sustainability opportunities within this project that supports Council's endeavor to deliver environmental, local and socially sustainable projects.

SmartGrass will recycle materials from the demolition of existing crickets including metal

and concrete, along with using recycled materials for the construction of the new cricket nets, including sourcing crushed rock from recycled concrete supplier, and recycling all plastic packaging on products.

SmartGrass also identified opportunities within the project to purchase up to 80% of products associated with the build from within Monash.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.