

ITEM 17. TENDER - TURRUWUL PARK FITNESS HUB

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SUMMARY

This report provides details of the tenders received for the Turruwul Park Fitness Hub.

Being physically active is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Access to large, open, high quality and attractive open space can increase levels of physical exercise and, in turn, improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the community. Improved health can lead to reductions in chronic diseases and obesity.

On 10 August 2015, Council endorsed the Park Fitness Equipment Plan and resolved to proceed with design and construction of a new fitness station in Turruwul Park, Rosebery.

The Park Fitness Equipment Plan will guide the delivery of 11 future fitness equipment projects to establish a comprehensive network of facilities across the City of Sydney local government area.

Once the new facilities are delivered, all residents will be within a 10 minute walking distance (800 metre radius) of outdoor fitness equipment.

The design for the Turruwul Park fitness hub has been developed and is informed by the Park Fitness Equipment Plan. The design includes new static and dynamic fitness equipment, fixing points for imported equipment and associated hard and soft landscaping. The design was placed on public exhibition in September 2015, with the majority of feedback being in support of the project.

This report recommends that Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'C' for the Turruwul Park Fitness Hub.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the scope of works for the Turruwul Park Fitness Hub as described in the subject report;
- (B) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer 'C' for the Turruwul Park Fitness Hub;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (D) Council approve the additional funds sought from the Public Domain program as outlined in confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Design – Turruwul Park Fitness Hub

Attachment B: Tender Evaluation Summary (Confidential)

(As Attachment B is confidential, it will be circulated separately from the agenda paper and to Councillors and relevant senior staff only.)

BACKGROUND

1. The City's parks and open spaces provide for the diverse recreational needs of residents and visitors.
2. Being physically active is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Access to large, open, high quality and attractive open space can increase levels of physical exercise and, in turn, improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the community (Giles-Corti 2006, Planning Institute of Australia 2009). Improved health can lead to reductions in chronic diseases and obesity.
3. The City recognises the importance of providing accessible, safe, inclusive, needs-based facilities for fitness and physical exercise. The City encourages physical exercise through the provision of outdoor fitness equipment in parks. The City currently provides outdoor fitness equipment in eight parks.
4. The City's parks are heavily utilised for fitness and active recreation. High use leads to damage of park assets, including seating, trees and turf, where inadequate fitness facilities are provided.
5. On 10 August 2015, Council endorsed the Park Fitness Equipment Plan and resolved to proceed with design and construction of a new fitness station in Turruwul Park, Rosebery.
6. The Park Fitness Equipment Plan will guide the delivery of 11 future fitness equipment projects (subject to budget availability) to establish a comprehensive network of facilities across the City of Sydney local government area. Once the new facilities are delivered, all residents will be within a 10 minute walking distance (800 metre radius) of outdoor fitness equipment. The Plan provides detailed guidance in relation to potential sites, equipment types, equipment layouts and associated infrastructure. Turruwul Park was identified as the first priority site with a new facility to be delivered this financial year.

Turruwul Park Fitness Hub

7. The design for the Turruwul Park fitness hub (Attachment A) has been informed by the Park Fitness Equipment Plan and community feedback and includes:
 - (a) new static and dynamic fitness equipment;
 - (b) fixing points to allow the use of imported equipment such as straps, ropes and harnesses;
 - (c) new seating walls, benches, bubblers and signs;
 - (d) upgraded tennis hit-up wall and court space;
 - (e) new landscaping including pathways and garden beds;
 - (f) protection of all existing trees; and
 - (g) rubber softfall to meet Australian Standards.
8. The design supports the objectives of the Draft Outdoor Fitness Code of Conduct by providing equitable, safe, needs-based fitness facilities which will mitigate impacts of fitness training.

INVITATION TO TENDER

9. The invitation to tender period was open from 17 November 2015 to 8 December 2015. The tender was advertised in The Sydney Morning Herald and The Daily Telegraph newspapers on 17 November 2015. The tender was also advertised on Council's e-tendering portal.
10. Tenderers were invited to provide a lump sum price for the construction works.

TENDER SUBMISSIONS

11. Six submissions were received from the following organisations (listed alphabetically):
 - Coopers Commercial Constructions
 - Court Craft Australia Pty Ltd
 - Furnass Landscaping Enterprises Pty Ltd
 - Glascott Landscape and Civil Pty Ltd
 - Regal Innovations Pty Ltd
 - Wilson Pederson Landscapes Pty Ltd
12. No late submissions were received.

TENDER EVALUATION

13. All members of the Tender Evaluation Panel have signed Pecuniary Interest Declarations. No pecuniary interests were noted.
14. The relative ranking of tenders as determined from the total weighted score is provided in the confidential Tender Evaluation Summary – Attachment B.
15. All submissions were assessed in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria being:
 - (a) financial and commercial trading integrity, including insurances;
 - (b) the lump sum price and schedule of prices;
 - (c) demonstrated capacity and technical ability to carry out the works under the contract;
 - (d) demonstrated managerial capability, qualifications, experience and number of personnel;
 - (e) capacity to achieve the required project program;
 - (f) the proposed methodology, including environmental management; and
 - (g) Work, Health and Safety.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

16. Performance measurement criteria includes:
 - (a) reviewing program and work method statements;
 - (b) reviewing samples and product data;
 - (c) attending regular inspections of the works;
 - (d) conducting fortnightly site meetings with the contractor; and
 - (e) ensuring the works are in accordance with the contract documents such as drawings, specifications, contract preliminaries and general requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

17. Additional funds are required for this project due to the preferred tender exceeding the pre-tender estimate. Acceptance of the recommended tender will require Council to reallocate funds from other project savings, as detailed in Confidential Attachment B.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

18. The tender has been conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the City's Contracts Policy.
19. Attachment B contains confidential commercial information of the tenderers and details of Council's tender evaluation and contingencies which, if disclosed, would:
 - (a) confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; and
 - (b) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
20. Discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it would compromise Council's ability to negotiate fairly and commercially to achieve the best outcome for its ratepayers.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

21. The timeframes for project delivery are:

(a) Contractor engagement	March 2016
(b) Commencement of construction	April 2016
(c) Completion	June 2016

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

22. In March 2015, the City undertook 237 intercept surveys at selected parks, including Turruwul Park, to determine appropriate locations for fitness equipment to be installed. 90% of respondents at Turruwul Park supported the idea of installing fitness equipment in the park. This consultation informed the prioritisation of sites in the Park Fitness Equipment Plan.

23. In September 2015, the draft concept plan for Turruwul Park fitness equipment was placed on exhibition to encourage community feedback. The draft plan was exhibited on the Sydney Your Say website, together with a letterbox drop of 2,400 residents and signs placed in the park.
24. Seventeen submissions were received, with 15 being in support and two opposing the plan. Most of the feedback received was supportive of the proposed design and commented that there was a good variety of equipment for different fitness and experience levels. Feedback has been incorporated into the design by including specific pieces of equipment including:
 - (a) parallel bars;
 - (b) incline/decline benches; and
 - (c) vertical posts for 'human flags'.
25. The concerns raised in the two objections related to use of the facility by personal trainers, noise and attracting vandalism. Use of fitness equipment by personal trainers will be managed by the Draft Outdoor Fitness Trainers Code of Conduct. The Code states that personal trainers and training groups are welcome to use equipment, providing that their usage does not exclude or appear to exclude its use by others at any time and additionally places requirements on use to minimise noise impacts. In other City parks, fitness equipment has been found to provide positive activation and increased passive surveillance which can help reduce vandalism.

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