

3.3 Contract No 2022/172 Ashburton Park - Oval Reconstruction

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the award of Contract No. 2022/172, Ashburton Park - Oval Reconstruction.

Background

Council requires a suitably qualified organisation to provide works for the reconstruction of the sports oval at Ashburton Park, Ashburton as part of the Turf Management Capital Works program and in accordance with the requirements of the technical specifications.

The works include:

- Demolition of existing playing field and turf cricket wicket table;
- Bulk earthworks, including new turf cricket wicket table and turf resurfacing works;
- New irrigation and drainage systems, including water storage tank and irrigation pump; and
- New soccer goal storage area.

The works are expected to be completed by April 2024

Key Issues

For these works to be completed, Ashburton Park will be closed to the public including use by the summer allocated club, Ashburton Willows Cricket Club (AWCC), and for pre-season training by the winter allocated club Ashburton United Soccer Club (AUSC).

Due to the impact of the closure, Council Officers will offer support to both clubs in the form of an alternative training venue within the City of Boroondara.

Next Steps

Upon award of the contract, Council will oversee the management of the principal contractor engaged to deliver the works.

Confidentiality

Confidential information is contained in **Attachment 1**, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda attachments. The information in this attachment is deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definition of 'confidential information' in Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020. The information relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—(i) relates to trade secrets; or (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required for Council to make a decision, Council may resolve to discuss the matter in a confidential session or to defer the matter to the confidential section of the agenda.

Officers' recommendation

That Services Delegated Committee resolve:

1. To award Contract No. 2022/172, Ashburton Park - Oval Reconstruction, to SJM Turf and Civil Pty Ltd (ABN 23 624 750 018) for a total cost of \$1,173,025.22 (including GST). Noting the cost to Council after the return of GST Input Credits is \$1,066,386.56.
2. To authorise the Director Places and Spaces to sign and execute the contract on behalf of the Council and to authorise invoices to an amount not exceeding \$1,066,386.56 excluding GST.
3. Approve the allocation of a separate contract contingency as detailed within the attached confidential Attachment 1 and delegate authority to the contract Superintendent to expend this contingency to ensure the successful completion of the contract works.
4. To note that expenditure under this contract is in accordance with Council's 2023/24 adopted budget and expenditure in future years will be in accordance with the approved budget allocations.

Responsible director: Daniel Freer, Director Places and Spaces

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support to award Contract No. 2022/172, Ashburton Park - Oval Reconstruction.

2. Policy implications and relevance to community plan and council plan

This contract aligns with the following themes and strategies in the Boroondara Community Plan (2021-31) and Council Plan (2021- 25):

Theme 1 - Community, Services and Facilities

Strategy 1.1: Neighbourhoods and community spaces facilitate social connections and belonging by providing, maintaining and activating places for people to meet, organise activities and celebrate events.

Strategy 1.4: Facilities and sports precincts encourage equal access through social planning, delivery, asset maintenance and renewal activities.

Theme 2 - Parks and Green Spaces

Strategy 2.1: Parks and green spaces enable sport and recreation opportunities by maintaining and improving recreation spaces and equipment.

Strategy 2.3: Parks and green spaces are accessible and appealing through maintaining, improving and increasing amenities.

This procurement process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25.

3. Background

Each calendar year the Council sportsgrounds including all assets are audited and scored against an asset condition scale. Additional data collected on community and sports club usage assists to develop a priority list for the Capital Works Renewal Program which determined Ashburton Park, Ashburton was a priority for a complete oval reconstruction. Over the past three winter seasons drainage issues have impacted on the playability of the ground and resulted in a number of matches being cancelled.

Council requires a suitably qualified organisation to undertake the oval reconstruction of Ashburton Park to be completed by April 2024.

Invitation to tender

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25, Council invited public tenders from suitably qualified organisations to provide works for the reconstruction of the sports oval at Ashburton Park, Ashburton.

An invitation to tender was advertised in the Local Government tender section of "The Age" newspaper on Saturday 10 June 2023 and on Council's e-tendering portal VendorPanel. The closing date for submissions was 2pm, Wednesday 12 July 2023.

In response to the advertisement, Council received five (5) submissions:

- Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd;
- Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd;
- Hendriksen Contractors Pty Ltd;
- Quantum Civil Pty Ltd; and
- SJM Turf and Civil Pty Ltd.

4. Outline of key issues/options

The specification has been developed to ensure that all work under this contract is to be performed by an experienced Contractor, with safe work practices a clear priority.

It is anticipated that some disruption to material supply may occur. To avoid delay of the works, the successful tenderer will be requested to secure supply of key materials as a priority action upon award of the Contract.

For the duration of the contract works, Ashburton Park will be closed for use. Council Officers will offer an alternative training and match venue to the Ashburton Willows Cricket Club within the City of Boroondara for season 2023/24 and work with the Ashburton United Soccer Club on alternative training options.

5. Collaborative Procurement Opportunities

Due to the specialised nature of the works, there is no opportunity for collaborative procurement for this contract.

6. Consultation/communication

An information letter about the proposed project will be distributed to all surrounding residents of Ashburton Park during September 2023. Signage displaying information of the project will also be installed around Ashburton Park throughout project construction.

Ashburton Park winter and summer clubs (Ashburton United Soccer Club and Ashburton Willows Cricket Club) were consulted on the project and were supportive. The clubs and the nearby scout group (1st Ashburton Scout Group) will also be sent the information letter.

Due to the required closure of Ashburton Park during the scheduled works, officers continue to engage with Ashburton Willows Cricket Club and the Eastern Cricket Association to provide an alternative training and match day venue within the municipality for season 2023/24.

7. Financial and resource implications

Council's 2023-24 adopted budget contains a total allocation of \$1,119,705.89 for the reconstruction of the sports oval at Ashburton Park from a number of larger renewal budgets which are being used across multiple projects.

The Project Budget allocation is available from the following 2023-24 Adopted Budget as follows:

72377. Sportsground Reconstruction Program	\$ 642,663.11
71868. Oval Fences Renewal Program	\$ 140,000.00
71869. Cricket Practice Nets Renewal Program	\$ 208,000.00
72754. Field Sports Strategy Implementation	\$ <u>129,042.78</u>
Total Project Available Budget	\$ 1,119,705.89

Proposed Project Expenditure:

Construction Cost (Contract No. 2022/172)	\$ 1,066,386.56
Other Project costs	\$ <u>53,319.33</u>
Total Project Expenditure	\$ 1,119,705.89

8. Governance issues

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have a general or material conflict of interest requiring disclosure under chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Boroondara City Council.

The recommendation contained in this report is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006 as it does not raise any human rights issues.

This tender process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy 2021-25.

9. Social and environmental issues

The reconstruction of the Ashburton Park sports oval will have a significant positive impact on both the allocated sporting clubs by improving the condition of the playing field and turf cricket wicket table. The reconstruction will also play a vital role in improving and maintaining the health and wellbeing of the wider community in the Ashburton Park area who are able to use the oval for informal activities outside of allocated sporting times.

10. Evaluation and review

The evaluation report is provided as **Confidential Attachment 1.**

As a result of the evaluation, the evaluation panel recommends that Council award Contract No. 2022/172, Ashburton Park - Oval Reconstruction to:

- SJM Turf and Civil Pty Ltd (ABN 23 624 750 018)

Manager: **David Shepard, Manager Environmental Sustainability & Open Spaces**

Report officer: Steven Vernon, Project Planning & Delivery Officer – Turf Management