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### **Update to specification and List of tenderer questions as at 15.2.23**

Further to a site meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February, the parish council has made the following amendments to the tender specification:

- No fencing is to be quoted for, with the exception of Heras security fencing which the contractor must erect during the course of the install.
- It has become apparent that there is concrete underneath where the flat bed swings were and under the climbing frame. Therefore, the parish council wishes tenderers to price two options:
  - 1) Removing the concrete and bark and replacing with either grass safety matting or another suitable surface – the aim should be to keep the cost low. We realise that this option may exceed the £20k budget. There may be some flexibility to find extra funding for this, hence tenderers should highlight this as an extra item and will not be penalised if the quote goes over £20k as a result.
  - 2) Retaining the bark but replacing the wooden edging with a more durable material (e.g. metal) and topping up the bark to the correct level.
- The original tender pack did not highlight the sewer pipes which run across part of the site. This was an error and maps of them are now attached. We would expect tenderers to obtain any necessary permissions from Severn Trent and quote for the cost of doing so as an individual itemised item. We realise that this option may exceed the £20k budget. There may be some flexibility to find extra funding for this, hence tenderers should highlight this as an extra item and will not be penalised if the quote goes over £20k as a result.
- **The deadline for submissions is extended to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm to allow for the extra work which these changes may result in.**

### **List of tenderer questions and answers to date**

- Q1. Can you confirm if there is to be any fencing included in the proposal?  
A1. **No fencing is required, other than the Heras security fencing specified.**
- Q2. Can you confirm if you would like the bark pit area under the metal climbing frame removed, and replaced with grass matting? This would also require turf or seed as there is no existing grass in this area.  
A2. **We would like you to quote for 2 scenarios – see above.**
- Q3. Can you confirm what you would like us to do re the first existing bark pit, that used to have swings in it, it was discovered on site this morning that there is a 1x3m concrete base

underneath the bark so unless this is removed it would be unsafe to install play equipment here.

A3. See answer 2.

Q4. Can you confirm re the 'Value for Money – 30%' score, does the lowest score tenderer gain the full 30% marks?

A4. We will use a weighted scoring system. So VfM = 30% of the marks. Each criteria is scored 1 to 5, 1 being lowest 5 being highest score. We won't necessarily give the full marks or lowest marks to any tenderer and multiple tenderers could get the same marks. I have attached a blank scoring spreadsheet so you can see. I would also say that if 2 submissions are close on score, we may have to look at other factors.

Q5. Would you like any spoil or bark that may be removed to be taken offsite at the end of the job, or retained for flower beds/other uses?

A5. Please remove all waste

Q6. What are you planning on installing/completing in 'phase 2' of the project, so as not to duplicate or include items that you are looking to include later in the project?

A6. This is undecided as yet as the play area has suffered vandalism and we want to review phase 1 before doing a phase 2. The play area age range will remain as 0 to 11 and the focus of this refurb is on the younger end of that age range and ensuring basics such as swings are in place. We may not do a phase 2, it depends on community feedback and a council review after phase 1.