

Decision Recording Form

Title	Chantry Park Play Area Ability Swing	Decision Maker	Head of Parks & Cemeteries
Date of decision	23 April 2025	Source of authority	E/21/64 paragraph 125 8 March 2022
Date of Publication			

Background and Reason for decision

Purpose

On 8 February 2022, Executive authorised funding for a new five year £3.5m investment programme in play areas (including additional funding from Section 106 planning agreements)

On 8 March 2022, Executive adopted the Play Area Strategy 2022 - 2027 and Play Area Action (Investment) Plan 2022 - 2027 and that the Parks and Cemeteries Operations Manager be authorised to take all necessary steps to deliver the improvement works necessary and replace the play areas identified.

Chantry Park Play Area is identified as a site to be replaced in 2025 – 2026.

Decision

As Chantry Park is designated a destination park there is a requirement to include a swing that enables a wheelchair user to have the opportunity to have the opportunity to experience the movement of swinging whilst remaining in their wheelchair.

A procurement exercise has been undertaken by officers from the Council's Procurement team, using the Suffolk Sourcing Portal to identify a preferred supplier for the supply and delivery of an ability swing, with a flat seated swing attached to enable side by side play.

The decision made was to award a contract to GL Jones for the supply only of an ability swing, with fencing and a seated swing for the new play area within Chantry Park.

One bid was received, and a validation process was carried out by officers from the Council's Parks team. The bid submitted of £12,725.00 by G L Jones was found to demonstrate value for money and met the required quality standards.

This sum is within the budget available for the project. The groundworks and installation of swing and associated fencing will be carried out by the Council's Landscape Team.

Consultations

Officers: Parks & Cemeteries Service Area, Procurement and Finance

Councillors: Ward Councillors and Portfolio Holder for Parks & Climate Change

Conflict of interest	N/A				Relevant Portfolio(s)	Environment & Climate Change			
ALL WARDS		Use a Y in this box if all wards are affected		Use a Y in the table below to mark the wards affected if not all wards					
NW		NE		CENTRAL		SW		SE	
Castle Hill		Bixley		Alexandra		Bridge		Gainsborough	
Whitton		Rushmere		St Margaret's		Gipping	Y	Holywells	
Whitehouse		St John's		Westgate		Sprites		Priory Heath	
						Stoke Park			
					Admin use only				

Once complete the Decision Maker must send this form and any background documentation for publication to Monitoring.officer@ipswich.gov.uk