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**REPORT TO: FAIR WORK, ECONOMIC GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 17 FEBRUARY 2025**

**REPORT ON: SOURCING STRATEGY FOR PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK TO SUPPLY PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CITYWIDE PLAY AREAS**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO: 15-2025**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence a compliant procurement process for the direct award of play equipment through the Scotland Excel Framework, Outdoor Play and Sports Facilities 0420, Lot 11 Supply and Delivery.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- approves the commencement of a procurement exercise in respect of the project described, based on the sourcing strategy summarised in this report; and
- delegates authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to finalise the procurement sourcing strategy and direct award purchases (as set out in Section 4) up to the combined value of £320,000, in compliance with Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015. Lot 11 allows the use of Direct Award.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 It is anticipated that the value of the Framework contract could be up to £320,000. The Executive Director of Corporate Services confirms that funding is available from the Build Resilient and Empowered Communities, Playground Improvements, Capital Plan 2024/29.

3.2 Funding sources are as follows: -

- Play Framework Improvements N2276: £290,000; and
- Community Regeneration Fund NC410: £30,000.

**4. DETAILS OF THE PROJECT BEING COMMISSIONED**

4.1 The purpose of this exercise is to progress a compliant procurement route for the provision of high standard play equipment to enhance playparks currently being improved as part of Build Resilient and Empowered Communities, Playground Improvements, Capital Plan 2024/29. The equipment will be ordered for playparks at Longhagh Road, Pitairlie Road, and Baxter Park. The orders include landmark items with high play value and multiple inclusive play features. Equipment will be ordered to be delivered in line with installation works by contractors appointed through the DCC Civils Framework. These are currently being designed and procured separately and will be reported at further committees in 2025. Further details are listed at Appendix 1.

- 4.2 A direct award from a compliant Supply Framework offers best value due to cost and time savings and the requirement to select specific items of equipment for design quality purposes.
  - 4.2.1 This method will be a more cost-effective method of accessing equipment, with discounts provided using Excel Framework Lot 11, saving at least 20% on purchase compared to other benchmarked purchases.
  - 4.2.2 To specify particular items for design purposes, an alternative option that was considered was the supply through a main contractor arrangement for the project (civils works). Purchasing the items directly from a Supply Framework means that there is no main contractor on-costs associated with the purchase.
  - 4.2.3 These combined savings allow for more equipment to be purchased overall, providing greater play value across the city.
- 4.3 In relation to time savings, presenting the sourcing strategy ahead of the installation will allow for timeous project delivery.
- 4.4 Three different suppliers (Proludic Ltd, Kompan Scotland Ltd, Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd) are selected from the framework for different specialist items of equipment. Items of equipment were chosen because of their specific play value, design aesthetic, durability and inclusivity. The equipment was chosen as part of detailed design and community engagement process.

## 5. SOURCING STRATEGY SUMMARY

- 5.1 It is proposed to purchase play equipment to be installed (in the play areas listed below) from multiple suppliers as follows:-

### Financial Year 2025/26

This will be financed from Build Resilient and Empowered Communities, Playground Improvements, Capital Plan 2024/29.

- a. Longhaugh Road Play Area  
Kompan Scotland Ltd: £98,257.50  
Funding source: Play Framework Improvements N2276
- b. Pitairlie Mid Park Play Area  
Kompan Scotland Ltd and Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd: £99,127.60  
Funding source: Play Framework Improvements N2276 and CRF NC410
- c. Baxter Park Play Area  
Proludic Ltd: £104,153.75  
Funding source: Play Framework Improvements N2276

- 5.2 The Council will direct award suppliers through Scotland Excel Framework, Outdoor Play and Sports Facilities 0420, Lot 11 Supply and Delivery.
- 5.3 Spend will be in financial year 2025/26. The sourcing strategy total budget of up to £320,000 includes approximately £20,000 contingency should any prices increase.

## 6. RISK ANALYSIS

- 6.1 There are four standard risks in any procurement and for public sector regulated procurements, a fifth is added, that of the procurement exercise itself breaching the public contract regulations and leaving the Council open to a legal challenge. The overall contract risk for this strategy was considered Low by Procurement.

Description of Risk	Actions to be taken to manage Risk
<b>Commercial Risk</b> - That either the price objectives are not achieved up front or there are other costs that arise during the contract and diminish the overall benefits.	Inventory of required equipment and accurate specifications.  Purchase of equipment directly from equipment suppliers and co-ordination with the civils contractor to deliver the overall project ensures best value. Reduced delivery costs by consolidating orders to the for supply of equipment to 3 playparks.
<b>Technical Risk</b> - This concerns the difficulty in being able to specify the desired outcome and on the market being unable to deliver to the specification	The technical specification of all required equipment has been developed in line with the industry standards as well as having warranty against all items.
<b>Performance Risk</b> - This concerns the ability of suppliers to perform consistently over the life of the contract to deliver the planned benefits	As these are supply contracts, the concerns regarding performance are minimal and warranties regarding such supply are to be made available.
<b>Contractual Risk</b> - Being able to remedy the shortcomings in the contractor's performance without severely damaging the contract and about avoiding reliance on the contracted supplier as the contract develops.	Regular contract monitoring and management will continue throughout the term of the call off contract(s).
<b>Procurement Risk</b> - where a procurement is found unsound in law, through the public procurement rules	The direct awards from the Framework are a compliant route to market.

## 7. SUMMARY

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve this Sourcing Strategy and award appropriate delegated powers to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to proceed.

## **8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 This report has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment to identify impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. An impact, positive or negative, on one or more of these issues was identified. An appropriate senior manager has checked and agreed with this assessment. A copy of the Integrated Impact Assessment showing the impacts and accompanying benefits of/mitigating factors for them is included as an Appendix to this report.

## **9. CONSULTATION**

- 9.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None

Tony Boyle  
**Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

Date: 11 December 2024

## Longhaugh Play Park

Coloured Lake Boat £6,270 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play boat <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro514">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro514</a>
Coloured Magic Cottage £14,430.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) climbing frame <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc100301">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc100301</a>
Coloured Warlock's Escape £41,797.50 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) climbing frame <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc200301">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc200301</a>
Round Jumper 1.12 diameter £3,727.50 Kompan Scotland Ltd	In-ground trampoline <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/jum102">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/jum102</a>
Cocowave Pendulum Swing £6,420.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) pendulum rope swing <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro915">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro915</a>
Play Panel £945.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) communication board <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro618">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro618</a>
Stack & Turn Play Panel £1,095.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play panel with stacking discs <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc60101">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nrc60101</a>
Wheelchair Carousel £5,880.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wheelchair-accessible roundabout. Green handrail <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/pcm157">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/pcm157</a>
Swing Frame with 2 flat seats and 1 bird's nest £3,675.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) swingset with 2 x flat swings and 1 x basket swing <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro907">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro907</a>
Entry seesaw for 2 persons £945.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) see-saw <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro105">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro105</a>
Track Ride with Tower £7,380.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Wooden (robinia) climbing frame and zip line-type unit <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro1027">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro1027</a>
Cat Springer £465.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	<a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/m177">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/m177</a>
Horse Springer £517.50 Kompan Scotland Ltd	<a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/pcm105">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/pcm105</a>
Park Bench with Back Rest x 2 £1,650.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	<a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro213">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro213</a>
Table & Benches Combination £3,060.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	<a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro215">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro215</a>

## Pitairlie Mid Park

Agility Trail 7 £10,590.00 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Long wooden (robinia) agility trail, with multiple play elements <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro866">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/nro866</a>
Supernova £3,337.50 Kompan Scotland Ltd	Spinning circular roundabout <a href="https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/gxy916">https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/gxy916</a>
Meet & Slide TZU205.22 £36,616.00 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd	Tower-like metal climbing frame with metal tube slide <a href="https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/meet-slide/">https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/meet-slide/</a>
Scramble & Slide PZW686TF £29,472.00 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd	Inclusive climbing frame with many accessible play elements <a href="https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusiveclimbingnet/">https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusiveclimbingnet/</a>
Inclusive Roundabout with seat and skateboard SIR050 £5,968.00 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd	<a href="https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusive-wheelchair-roundabout/">https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusive-wheelchair-roundabout/</a>
Inclusive Springie SSB300 £840.00 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd	<a href="https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusive-springie/">https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/inclusive-springie/</a>
Communications Panel PZW936 £636.00 Sutcliffe Play (Scotland) Ltd	<a href="https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/communications-panel/">https://www.sutcliffeplay.co.uk/equipment/communications-panel/</a>

## Baxter Park

Origin Donkey £2,835.36 Proludic Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play donkey climbing unit <a href="https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49110/">https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49110/</a>
Origin Hay Cart £2,844.07 Proludic Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play cart climbing unit <a href="https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49112/">https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49112/</a>
Medieval Legends & Tales Origin Manor House £55,543.97 Proludic Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play tower climbing frame with metal tube slide <a href="https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49201/">https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49201/</a>
Castle Adventure Origin Multiplay Unit £31,091.04 Proludic Ltd	Wooden (robinia) play castle with rope bridge element <a href="https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49209/">https://www.proludic.co.uk/product/J49209/</a>

# Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 15-2025

Document Title: SOURCING STRATEGY FOR PROCUREMENT FRAMEWORK TO SUPPLY PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR CITYWIDE PLAY AREAS

Document Type: Strategy

Description:

To seek approval to commence a compliant procurement process for the direct award of play equipment through the Scotland Excel Framework, Outdoor Play and Sports Facilities 0420, Lot 11 Supply and Delivery

Intended Outcome:

Purchase of play equipment to the value of Â£320,000 for playparks at Pitairlie, Longhaugh and Baxter Park. Various items chosen for their diverse play value, for inclusive play elements and ability to cater for a wide range of ages.

Period Covered: 17/02/2025 to 31/03/2025

Monitoring:

The strategy will be monitored through the successful purchase and delivery of inclusive play equipment for installation.

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# Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

## Impacts & Implications

Age: Positive

The equipment to be purchased will provide positive benefits for children and young people across Dundee, notably in East End, North East and Maryfield wards, where the equipment will provide notable enhancements to the play value of Pitairlie, Longhaugh and Baxter Park play areas.

Disability: Positive

The focus on inclusive play equipment, particularly in Pitarlie playpark, will provide more diverse play equipment suitable for disabled children, allowing them more opportunities for accessible play.

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregency & Maternity: Positive

The proposals will enhance play provision in Maryfield, East End and North East wards, including equipment suitable for toddlers and younger children. This is likely to provide benefits to parents and mothers, enhancing free-to-use facilities for young families. Providing new landmark play items will also encourage greater use of these facilities, and provide more opportunities for parents to socialise.

Race / Ethnicity: No Impact

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: Positive

Women are statistically more likely to be primary care-givers to children and young people and frequent playparks. Playparks are not only spaces for children and young people but also for caregivers to socialise and be outside. These proposals would provide more provision for those with caring responsibilities, including new benches and picnic tables.

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

## Fairness & Poverty

### Geographic Impacts & Implications

Strathmartine:	Not Known
Lochee:	Not Known
Coldside:	Not Known
Maryfield:	Positive
North East:	Positive
East End:	Positive
The Ferry:	Not Known
West End:	Not Known

### Household Group Impacts and Implications

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: Positive

## Household Group Impacts and Implications

Care experienced children and young people living near to Longhaugh, Pitairlie and Baxter Park will benefit from improved play facilities.

Carers: Positive

Carers with responsibilities for disabled children and young people will benefit from the opportunities for recreation provided by the increased inclusive play equipment provided.

Lone Parent Families: Positive

The substantial improvements proposed to Longhaugh, Pitairlie and Baxter Park play areas will likely increase the number of people using the facilities. This will provide lone parent families with more opportunities to socialise as well as enhanced free-to-use entertainment for children and young people.

Single Female Households with Children: Positive

The substantial improvements proposed to Longhaugh, Pitairlie and Baxter Park play areas will likely increase the number of people using the facilities. This will provide single female households with children more opportunities to socialise as well as enhanced free-to-use entertainment for children and young people.

Greater number of children and/or young children: Positive

Families with greater number of children and/or young children can face greater challenges in affording activities and children's entertainment. The substantial improvements proposed to Longhaugh, Pitairlie and Baxter Park play areas will improve the free-to-use entertainment provided for children and young people.

Pensioners - single / couple: Positive

Pensioners with childcare responsibilities will benefit from improved play facilities spread throughout the city.

Unskilled workers or unemployed: No Impact

Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact

Homeless: No Impact

Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact

Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

## Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications

Employment Status: No Impact

Education & Skills: No Impact

Income: Positive

The works will be concentrated in three Dundee Wards with large numbers people living within the 20% most deprived areas of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, with households experiencing poverty and low incomes. These works will provide free entertainment for families, children and young people who may be on lower incomes.

Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): Positive

The equipment will provide additional free facilities for those with childcare responsibilities, enhancing inclusive play provision as well as play value for all ages.

Affordability and accessibility of services: Positive

The substantial improvements proposed to Longhaugh, Pitairlie and Baxter Park play areas will improve the free-to-use entertainment provided for children and young people.

Fuel Poverty: No Impact

Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: Positive

For families in Maryfield, East End and North East wards struggling with the cost of living, enhanced free play facilities within walking distance of their home will help to reduce transport costs and costs for other children's activities and entertainment.

Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact

Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation: No Impact

Employment Opportunities: No Impact

Education: No Impact

Health: Positive

Enhanced playparks will encourage more families to spend time outside, and to walk to their local facilities.

Life Expectancy: No Impact

Mental Health: Positive

Enhanced playparks will encourage more families to spend time outside, and to walk to their local facilities.

Overweight / Obesity: No Impact

Child Health: Positive

Enhanced playparks will encourage more children to be active and spend time outside, and to walk to their local facilities. Equipment has been chosen to provide challenging opportunities for children's physical exertion as well as equipment suitable for children with various disabilities.

Neighbourhood Satisfaction: Positive

The play equipment has been chosen to enhance the sense of place in Baxter Park, Pitairlie and Longhaugh.

Transport: No Impact

## **Environment**

### **Climate Change Impacts**

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: No Impact

Adapting to the effects of climate change: Positive

Installation and landscaping works for this play equipment includes tree planting, to provide shade in the hottest months as temperatures rise.

### **Resource Use Impacts**

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: Positive

As well as installing new play equipment, existing play equipment in good condition is being refurbished or re-used wherever possible to reduce waste.

Sustainable Procurement: No Impact

### **Transport Impacts**

Accessible transport provision: No Impact

Sustainable modes of transport: No Impact

## Natural Environment Impacts

Air, land & water quality: No Impact

Biodiversity: Positive

Playpark improvements will include associated landscaping works, including tree planting.

Open & green spaces: Positive

The playpark improvements proposed will enhance three parks and open spaces across Dundee.

## Built Environment Impacts

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)?

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

## Corporate Risk

### Corporate Risk Impacts

Political Reputational Risk: Positive

The proposals are likely to provide positive press and feedback, as community engagement on the proposals has been generally positive.

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No Impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No Impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: No Impact

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact.

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