

11.6 Request for Exemption from Tender - Glen Willow Stadium Field Renovation

REPORT BY THE MANAGER RECREATION SERVICES
TO 16 AUGUST 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Recreation Services on the Request for Exemption from Tender - Glen Willow Stadium Field Renovation;
2. approve an exemption from tender, in accordance with section 55 (3) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the Glen Willow Stadium field renovation project; noting that due to extenuating circumstances, a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders;
3. note the reasons why a satisfactory outcome would not be achieved by inviting tenders are:
 - 3.1 specification could not be altered in such a way to invite other suppliers to competitively compete without impacting the desired outcome;
 - 3.2 supplier has sole rights over a product and service that provides significant advantageous conditions to field life expectancy, capacity limits and risk mitigation; and
 - 3.3 that with a significant amount of existing field infrastructure at Glen Willow already being constructed by Evergreen Turf, efficiencies in ongoing maintenance can be achieved by working with the same supplier;
4. delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to enter negotiations with Evergreen Turf; and
5. delegate authority to the General Manager or their delegate to finalise the contract for the Glen Willow Stadium field renovation and approve contract variations within the approved budget for the project, provided satisfactory can be negotiated with Evergreen Turf.

Executive summary

Glen Willow Stadium field requires a significant renovation to secure the future integrity of the playing surface. This report seeks to provide Council information on the intended procurement method for the project being seeking an exemption from tender and engage the services of Evergreen Turf.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Glen Willow Stadium is the Regions Premier sporting venue that hosts both elite and local level sporting fixtures. A vital component for the continued success of the venue is the condition of the playing surface. As such Council committed funding in the 2023/24 Operation Plan to undertake a significant renovation to the field involving stripping and replacing existing turf and undertake upgrades to the soil profile.

Key considerations to ensure project success included:

- the type, intensity and frequency of sports to be played on the stadium playing surface,
- ongoing renovation opportunities and frequency in relation to resource allocation,
- the varying climatic conditions to be experienced throughout the year, and
- commitment to industry leading soil profile characteristics including drainage and ongoing integrity.

Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act provides the opportunity for Council to resolve to provide an exemption from tender for a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders.

This request for exemption is based on the fact that during the recent construction of Rugby Union playing fields Council opted to install a synthetic root system product called StaLok. Having utilised and maintained the playing surfaces for the past couple of seasons it is evident that the turf reinforcement product has significantly enhanced the strength and stability of the playing surface. The fields have been able to consistently display significant resistance to wear, with day in, day out play. This has provided benefits to both player safety, field use capacity and downtime, maintenance requirements and reputation as a premier sporting venue.

The StaLok fibre has therefore been determined to be an essential inclusion in the stadium field renovation project. The product is also the best fit product to secure consistency across the venues playing surfaces and Council's maintenance equipment. Evergreen have sole rights over the supply and installation of the product and as such form the basis of the exemption request. There are also efficiencies to be gained in ongoing maintenance by working with the same supplier given their successful service delivery in the construction of all playing services in Glen Willow stage 2 project.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Recreation Strategy

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

This report is not seeking any additional funding. Funding has already been allocated in the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

Associated Risks

Risk is mitigated through the product being validated at the adjacent Rugby Union playing fields. It is evident that the methodology applied, significantly enhances the strength and stability of the playing surface. The construction of all playing surfaces as part of Glen Willow Stage 2 project were successful and the relationship with Evergreen continues to be advantageous to Council.

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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