

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
18th March, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Rushforth (in the Chair).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews and Dalton.

F48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

F49. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs).

F50. CLIFTON PARK WATERPLAY - REPAIR PROCUREMENT - PHASE 2

Further to Minute No. F5 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism held on 4th June, 2013, consideration was given to the report presented by Andy Lee, Urban Green Spaces Manager, which sought an exemption from Standing Order 48.1 (requirement to invite between three and six tenders for a contract with an estimated value of £50,000 or more) to allow an order to be placed with Ustigate Ltd to undertake essential repairs to the water play facility in Clifton Park following their completion of Phase One of the works

Consequently, approval was given to suspend Standing Orders to allow Ustigate Ltd to be appointed to inspect the design and installation of the visible plant and controls, and to recommended remedial works. Two phases of works were suggested and a decision was taken in June 2013 to proceed with the first of these only and to review detailed proposals for phase two afterwards.

The first phase of works had now been completed successfully and would allow operation of the main jets and high jets in 2014. A proposal for the second phase had now been submitted which would enable other components of the water play, including the paddling area and rill, to operate again. Agreement was now sought to appoint the same specialist contractor directly without attempting to seek competitive quotes for this highly specialist area with an immediate start and to ensure its completion ready for the summer period.

Resolved:- That the exemption of the contract for repairs to the Water Play facility at Clifton Park from Standing Order 48.1 (requirement to invite between three and six tenders for a contract with an estimated value of £50,000 or more) and award the contract to Ustigate Waterplay Ltd. be approved.

(The Mayor agreed to exempt this item from call-in to allow the Council to ensure the highly specialist work to the Clifton Park Waterplay was completed on schedule)