

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mrs Jan French Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder ARP, Parking Decriminalisation, Parks & Open Spaces and Car Parks	Service: Parks and Open Spaces
Lead Officer: Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project, CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Table 5, paragraph 10 which permits the portfolio holder and leader of the council to authorise the approval of the Council's acquisition of goods, services and works (whether following a procurement exercise or otherwise), and entry into the associated financial and legal agreements between the value £100,001 and £500,000.
Subject of Decision: To appoint HAGS to deliver the new play area for Westmead Ave in Wisbech following a procurement process	

Decision Taken: To approve the appointment of HAGS to deliver their design for Westmead Play Area in Wisbech, following a procurement process.	
Reason for the Decision: The existing play area has reached the end of its useful life. A decision to replace the play area was made in 2025. A procurement process has been run in Feb / March 2026. Evaluation of the bids received has identified HAGS as the best option for this contract.	
Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2. Remove play equipment3. Leave existing, beyond useful life, equipment in place. Neither of the alternative options are a satisfactory alternative to providing a suitable play area for local residents.	
Background/Reports/Information considered and attached: Cabinet Report regarding Pride in Place Impact Fund; March 2026, details Westmead Play as a separate project to the PiPIF	
Financial Implications A budget has been set aside for this project. Total cost £54,500, includes a cost of £4,500 for removal of old equipment and surfacing.	
Portfolio Holder's Signature: Cllr Jan French, Portfolio Holder for Open Spaces	Date: 26 March 2026

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