

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Wavelengths Leisure Centre - proposed poolside play area and associated works</b>
<b>Meeting</b>	Executive
<b>Meeting Date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2025
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<b>Directorate</b>	Director of Resources
<b>Lead Executive Member(s)</b>	Cllr M. Hanif, Leisure, Culture and Arts Portfolio
<b>Wards Affected</b>	Bradley Ward
<b>Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt</b>	Public
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	NA

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To report, for information, the cost proposal and quote which has been received and accepted from specialist supplier.

## 2. Recommendations

**For the reasons set out in this report, Executive is recommended to:**

- 2.1 Accept tender/quote for the poolside play area scheme in the sum of £129,918 plus VAT
- 2.2 Agree to grant a waiver of Contract Procedure Rules for reasons set out in paragraph 3.2.
- 2.3 Approve the award of the contract to Hippo Leisure.

## 3. Information: the Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

- 3.1 Following extensive market research and supplier engagement, we have only been able to identify one manufacturer and installer capable of delivering 'turnkey' highly bespoke solutions required for this scheme.
- 3.2 Hippo Leisure are recognised as specialists in this niche field, with a proven track record in delivering similar projects within public and private leisure and aquatic environments. Therefore the Director of Resources has agreed an exemption under Contract Procedure Rule 5.2a – *“that only one provider is able to carry out the work or service or to supply the goods for technical or artistic*

*reasons or because of exclusive or proprietary rights”* to which this report seeks Executive approval.

This installation will fulfil specific requirements set out in the Wavelengths Nelson Town Deal bid

**4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)**

4.1 Works included in Wavelengths Nelson Town Deal grant allocation

**5. Implications**

**5.1 Financial Implications**

Expenditure will be contained within existing budgets.

Funding has been granted from Nelson Town Deal Fund and the submitted figure is within the allocated grant.

**5.2 Legal and Governance Implications**

NA

**5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications**

NA

**5.5 Human Resources Implications**

NA

**5.6 Equality and Diversity Implications**

NA

**6. Consultation**

6.1 NA

**7. Alternative Options Considered**

No other UK based companies available for bespoke manufacture and installation of specialist pool play equipment.

**8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please tick)**

Section 151 Officer	x
Monitoring Officer	x

## 9. Background Documents

NA

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