



## Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will not make a decision on this item before 10 August 2015.

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Michael Ryan Corporate Director of People and Places	Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	30 July 2015

### New Sand Filters at Fleetwood Leisure Centre

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To agree the engagement of NCF Systems Ltd as the preferred supplier/installer of the new sand filters at Fleetwood Leisure Centre.

#### 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules ensuring cost effective procurement.

#### 3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 That the approval is given to proceed with the engagement of NCF Systems Ltd under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that exceptions may apply where "goods, works or services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of firms with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available".
- 3.2 That the engagement of NCF Systems Ltd be agreed at the cost of £125,000.

#### 4. Background

- 4.1 The refurbishment of the filters is part of the maintenance that is carried out on average every seven to ten years depending on the water quality. The last refurbishment in Fleetwood took place 14 years ago.
- 4.2 In November 2013 Sheerwater Consultancy Limited were engaged to provide a report on the condition of the filters in Poulton and Fleetwood Leisure Centres. The need for change of the filtration was reflected in their report.

4.3 Subsequently, the filters in Poulton were replaced last year by NCF Systems Ltd during the refurbishment of the centre.

## 5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 The work is of specialist nature and a specialist commercial pool engineer is required to undertake the works. NCF Systems Ltd has been chosen based on the council's and the YMCA's past experience of dealing with the company, their current knowledge of the plant, their competitive pricing when tendering for similar work at Poulton Leisure Centre and their excellent customer service. It should also be noted that there is a shortage of commercial pool engineers and when the council tendered for similar work in 2011 the response was unsatisfactory.

5.2 Following a detailed condition survey of the plant it is recommended that the existing six filters (two for learner pool and four for the main pool, all 2.4m in diameter) are repaired, relined and the filtration media renewed. The work will also involve installation of new pipework and valves, new dosing systems, new pumps and drives, improving support to existing pipework around the pool where replacement is not possible and associated work necessary to ensure compliance with the current guidelines.

## 6. Delegated functions

6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following Executive Function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3.03 of the Council's Constitution): "To consider departures from Rules relating to financial and contractual matters if appropriate".

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	The Council's 2015/16 Capital Budget includes the provision of £125,000 for the replacement of the sand filters. The procurement would be made using the exemptions to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds 'That the goods, works or services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of firms with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available'.
Legal	The appointment of NCF Systems Ltd complies with the exemption set out in the report to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules.  A legal agreement for works will be entered into.

### **Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	<b>x</b>
equality and diversity	<b>x</b>
sustainability	<b>x</b>
health and safety	<b>x</b>

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	<b>✓</b>
climate change	<b>x</b>
data protection	<b>x</b>

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
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### **List of appendices**

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