



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Recreation & Amenities Committee
(Cllr S Chapman, Cllr A Cross, Cllr H Miéville, Cllr C Stevens, Cllr L Hitchings, Cllr S Hitchings, Cllr M Putt, Cllr J Robinson, Cllr Y Miéville)

All other Town Councillors
Members of the Public & the Press

Dorset Council Councillors

Dear Member,

RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Committee which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum DT11 7AF on **Monday 9th February 2026 at 7:30pm** to consider the following items. The meeting is also accessible for the public to attend remotely via Microsoft Teams [using this link](#).

Linda Scott-Giles
Town Clerk
3rd February 2026

A G E N D A

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Committee, during which time members of the public may speak. During the course of the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the Dorset Council may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Committee may on occasion invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where points of information or their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Committee.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

1. Public Session
2. Apologies
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
4. [Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th January 2026](#)
5. Town Clerk's Report & Correspondence
6. [To consider the tenders for the play areas and approve expenditure authority](#)

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To consider the tenders for the play areas and approve expenditure authority

The deadline for tenders for Langton, Larksmead and Park Road play areas was Monday 2nd February 2026 at 12pm.

The tender documents can be viewed on the [Contracts Finder website](#), should the Committee wish to view them in detail.

The Town Clerk will shortlist the tenders received by the deadline, that comply with the instructions set out in the tender documents, as per the shortlisting criteria and will table the document at the meeting for the committee members to consider. If it is ready sooner, it will be emailed to the committee prior to the meeting, so they have more time to consider the contents.

Recommendation

The committee selects the preferred tender for the three play area sites, including replacement equipment, using budget line for General Play Equipment (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence Localism Act 2011 s1-8) and the Town Clerk informs all the companies of the outcome.

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