

**REPORT TO:** Leisure Services Committee – 20 August 2001  
**REPORT ON:** Hot/Cold Drinks Vending Machines – Replacement  
**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure & Parks  
**REPORT NO:** 500-2001

1. **Purpose of Report**

To obtain approval for the offer to supply hot/cold drinks vending machines from a specialist supplier to the Douglas and Lynch Sports Centres.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that due to the specialist nature of the equipment that in terms of the regulation governing tender procedures of the Council, the offer of £8,488 which includes five year maintenance programme from 'Four Square', Basingstoke is accepted.

3. **Financial Implications**

This expenditure can be met from the Leisure & Parks Department 2001/2002 Capital Budget.

4. **Local Agenda 21 Implications**

None

5. **Equal Opportunities Implications**

None

6. **Background**

- 6.1 The works comprise the supply and installation of hot/cold drinks vending machines at the Douglas Centre and Lynch Centre.

The machines will replace the existing machines which are becoming difficult to maintain due to their age and the fact that the original supplier who also maintains the machines is no longer in business.

The proposed machines are easier to service and manage due to the dry element of the drinks content being contained within the cup and therefore alleviating problems relating to filling machines with bulk ingredients and effectively being hygienically sound. The system therefore being more failsafe will lead to greater customer satisfaction.

The offer received from 'Four Square' Basingstoke is £8,488. The offer comes with a five year maintenance agreement.

It is recommended that the Committee accepts the offer.

7. **Consultation**

The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted.

8. **Signed**

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Director of Leisure & Parks

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Date