



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding the following procurement:

1. 594 – Growlighting Rigs and Variable Light Spectrum Bulbs at Leigh Sports Village
2. Contract award date: 24th of July 2025

Please provide the following information:

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| a. The names of all bidders who submitted a tender. | Please note that there were 4 bidders for this procurement exercise; |
| b. The total contract value awarded. | £1,272,600 (VAT excluded); |
| c. The evaluation criteria and weighting used in the tender assessment. | Price 60%; Quality (Including Social Value) 40%; |
| d. A copy of the tender specification or invitation to tender. | Please find the Specification attached; |
| e. A copy of the award report or summary (with commercially sensitive information redacted if necessary). | Please click on the link to be taken to the official Contract Award Notice

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General Specification

LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE

Growlighting Rigs and Variable Light Spectrum Bulbs for Leigh Sports Village

1. Introduction

Wigan is a metropolitan borough of Greater Manchester and is the most north western in Greater Manchester. It has borders with other Greater Manchester boroughs, Cheshire, Merseyside and Lancashire and occupies an enviable geographic position, lying between the major cities of Manchester and Liverpool on the West Coast Main Line surrounded by the motorway network including the M6, M58, M61 and in close proximity to the M60 and M62. With a growing population estimated at 317,800 people, it is also the 9th largest metropolitan borough in England covering an area of 77 square miles (200 km²).

Wigan experienced dramatic expansion during the industrial revolution with the development of major mills and a coal mining district. The historic towns and villages which grew during this period punctuate the landscape and residents enjoy a significant 'greenheart' area, with 70 percent of Wigan's 77 square miles consisting of expansive countryside. Spanning the length and breadth of the borough, this area includes stunning parks, woodlands, wetlands, canals and green space, rich in flora and fauna.

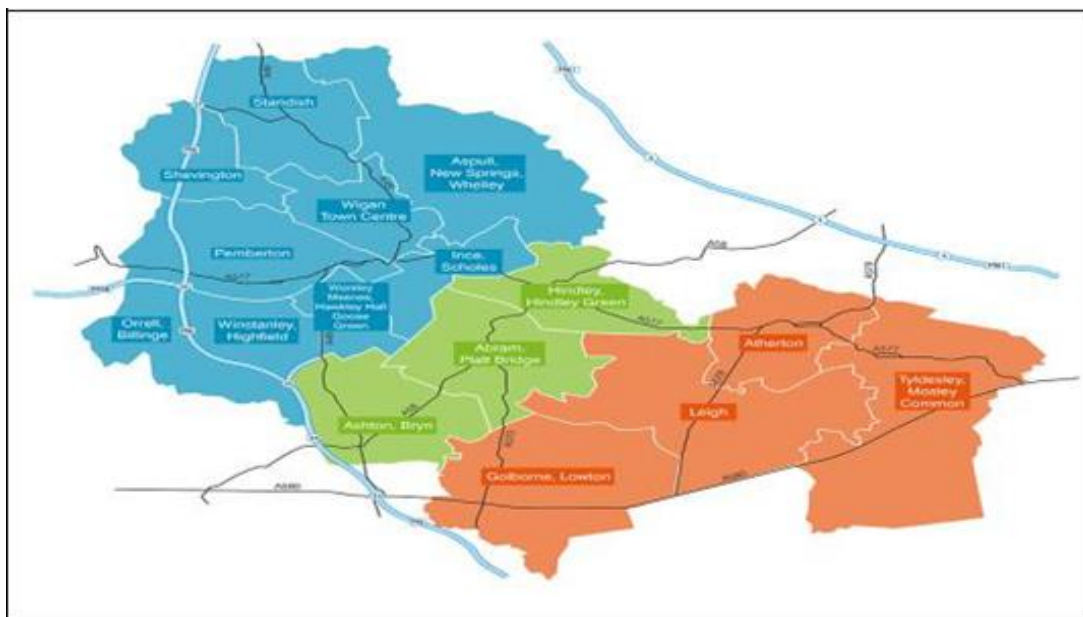
Wigan has a strong sporting tradition, embedding passion and belief within the fiercely proud local population. The amateur sports scene is particularly prevalent in Wigan and Leigh, with a wide range of sports clubs ensuring that people are able to engage in regular physical activity to improve health and wellbeing.

Leigh Sports Village (LSV) is a pioneering multi-sector development venue which provides state of the art facilities for sport, physical activity, education, health, and leisure that serves the whole community. The centrepiece of the development is a 12,000-capacity stadium, home to professional rugby league team Leigh Leopards and Manchester United Women's and Under 21's football teams.

Leigh Sports Village has a very rich history, as it has had the privilege of hosting a multitude of different international sporting events from two Rugby League World Cup events in 2013 and in 2022, to the UEFA Women's Euros in 2022 and most recently, the finishing line for the Women's Tour of Britain in June 2024. The stadium has also hosted two concerts in recent years, one featuring Sir Elton John in 2014 with over 17,000 attendees and Lionel Richie in 2018. The stadium is a very versatile

space as it also provides the perfect location for all conferences, meetings, weddings, events and more!

Also located onsite is the Leigh Sports Village Arena, which is the region's premier artificial grass sports complex, the Leigh Harriers & Athletics Club, home of Olympic champion Keely Hodgkinson which boasts full-sized athletics track and grass pitch, with our latest addition to the complex being Leigh Youth Hub, which was created by young people, for young people.



2. Wigan Council – New Era and Community Wealth Building

**Wigan[♥]
Council**

Two key missions have been identified that the council and its partners are committed to delivering:

- **Create fair opportunities for all children, families, residents and businesses**

"Together, we will break down the barriers that create financial, health, education and environmental inequalities in our borough."

- **Make all our towns and neighbourhoods flourish for those who live and work in them**

"Together, in genuine partnership with our residents and businesses, who know our communities best, we will help each town and neighbourhood in the borough to celebrate and maintain their identity whilst understanding and helping to achieve what is needed to thrive."

These missions will be underpinned by action-plans that will a focus on community wealth and health building, tackling inequalities and supporting communities to fulfil their potential.

More information on this can be found on our website:

[Progress with Unity: A New Era for Wigan Borough](#)

3. Wigan Council – Believe In Business Charter

Wigan borough depends on businesses to create an economy that is both successful and sustainable, promoting opportunity, growth and innovation.

To focus on the borough's long-term recovery post COVID-19 and ensure the borough's economy can adapt to new circumstances through the themes of Community Wealth Building, a refreshed Believe in Business Charter was introduced in 2021 which encourages collaboration, identifies local supply chain opportunities, and celebrates your achievements and successes.

The Believe in Business Charter

(<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Business-Support/Deal-for-business/The-Deal-for-Business.aspx>) is a voluntary agreement between the Council and local businesses which are either currently, or looking to trade in, Wigan Borough. The agreement signifies a shared commitment to supporting the economic growth of the borough.

Take a look at Our Part / Your Part

(<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Business-Support/Deal-for-business/Our-Part-Your-Part.aspx>) - what we'll do for you and what you can do for us

How can I sign up?

If you're a business **trading in Wigan borough**, looking to develop your company, connect with other local businesses and commit to making a difference, then sign up to our Believe in Business Charter.

Sign up to the Believe in Business Charter

(<https://businessdirectory.wigan.gov.uk/register>)

Once signed up your business will have the option to be included in the Business Online Directory, receive our e-bulletins, receive confirmation of your Believe in Business Charter membership level, receive support to enable your business to grow, and be awarded a certificate to formally acknowledge your commitment and display in your workplace.

The Business Support (<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Business/Business-Support/Apprentices/index.aspx>) pages on our website also provide

information on how you can hire an apprentice, the Apprenticeships for Young People (AYP) programme with grants from £2,000 to £5,000 to help businesses create apprenticeships, the Levy Matchmaking Service enabling larger levy paying organisations to offer levy funds to SME's for apprenticeship training, and how you can offer a traineeship work placement for up to twelve months and obtain funding.

The **Invest in Wigan** team offers a free and independent service to support businesses to achieve their growth ambitions and is available to any business located in or looking to relocate to the borough. The Invest in Wigan team work with colleagues and external partners to offer support with recruitment, workforce training and development, business planning, digital growth, identifying premises, networking, and employee wellbeing and more. The team can arrange an initial appointment to identify and access relevant support. Following this, a named, single point of contact will provide ongoing support and notify your business of future opportunities and developments. The Invest in Wigan team can also discuss The Believe in Business Charter. If you would like a discussion on how the Invest in Wigan team may be able to support your business, please call 01942 489190 or email business@wigan.gov.uk.

How we work in Wigan

In Wigan we expect all staff to adopt the asset-based approach by having different conversations with services users, residents, carers, and families. This approach also involves the workforce knowing what resources are available within our communities and to connect individuals to these resources, promoting self-resilience. Central to this approach are our Deal behaviours which all staff are expected and supported to display.

We expect our providers to share the same behaviours by having a caring and compassionate workforce of whom share a common set of values, attitudes and behaviours.



Building Community Wealth in Wigan

We are committed to ensuring that public money spent in Wigan & Leigh has the widest possible impact on the local economy, delivering wider social value for its residents. In this context we are particularly keen to attract and work with providers invested in the borough and providers that employ, buy, and invest locally. We also recognise and value the role of providers with an operating presence that reaches beyond the borough, but who can localise their approach as part of their social and financial commitment to Wigan as a place and community aligned with the principles of the New Era missions.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought considerable disruption to livelihoods and our local economy in Wigan, but it has also prompted our communities to step in with numerous acts of kindness, neighbourliness, and social solidarity. These selfless actions have supported our residents and providers through a period where we could have been overwhelmed due to the level of response required. It has demonstrated an opportunity to drive a wider, post pandemic mobilisation of citizen power – one focused on growing the economic stake of workers, consumers, and residents, within the market.

We want to encourage providers who can demonstrate their potential to generate social value and build community wealth by way of training, finance, business support and access to public sector land opportunities where appropriate. Support will also be given to business models who are “not for profit” such as mutual, staff mutual, charities and other Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise organisations. We are keen to help new locally grown organisations flourish across the Borough.

4. Background to the Requirement

To ensure the teams who call LSV home and to continue to host international events, our experienced ground staff are wishing to enhance the playing surface of our main pitch to consistently meet the demands of topflight and international competition.

To assist with this process LSV are looking for a single supplier who can provide a pitch lighting rig, complete with variable light spectrum bulbs along with a training provision that meet the requirements set out below. Leigh Sports Village are wishing to purchase new equipment only, previously used equipment will not be considered.

Introduction

Provide LED Lighting and Heating rigs for the purpose of pitch growing at Leigh Sports Village (LSV). This tender is for the lights, heat source, frames, power connections and all require ancillary equipment to promote the repair and growth of healthy grass on our multi-sport surface.

In addition to the initial purchase of the lighting and heating system, the ongoing services will be required as follows:

- Annual or regular servicing
- Call out service (repairs)
- Refresher training
- Pitch Monitoring Systems (to be priced included or individually as extra's where applicable)

The 'rigs' must be robust enough to be moved on a regular basis and operational in an outdoor environment for very long periods of time. They must also be able to be moved by hand by ground staff as required.

The aim of purchasing this equipment is to create the best grass playing pitch possible, with a little as possible light pollution and our overall co² consumption.

4.1 Light and Heat

The product is required to promote the healthy growth of the plant; including all elements such as the leaf and the root structures.

- The light source should be LED and should provide the correct variable spectrum to promote healthy growth.
- The heat source should also be suitable to promote healthy growth.

4.2 Power Consumption

LSV currently use sodium-based rigs which provide both light and heat, this equipment uses a high level of energy. LSV require a product that is energy efficient, and suppliers will be required to evidence the savings detailed in

the pricing schedule. Supplied below are the current energy costs to assist interested parties in providing a cost saving response within the pricing schedule Part B) and narrative in Section B (Value for Money) of the ITT

Day Rate – 18.00248 per kWh

Night Rate – 17.00662 per kWh

We would like each tendering party to outline the expected annual power consumption of their system. Each company will be expected to show the consumption of their product, using one or both of the required Light and Heat parameters.

4.3 Size and Number of Rigs (variable)

The Ground staff at LSV have supplied the configuration below; in their experience would best meet the needs of facilitating the optimum growth of both root and plant on the pitch

- 6 large rigs including variable light spectrum bulbs to cover between 2500m² and 3000 m²
- 4 small rigs including variable light spectrum bulbs to cover approximately 200m²
- 2 small rigs including cover/canopy and variable light spectrum bulbs to cover 100m²
- 1 small rig including variable light spectrum bulbs to cover 14m²

We are open to conversations around the number of rigs as long as the square meterage is achieved.

The pricing schedule included in the tender documents allows for interested parties to cost on the above configuration or an alternative configuration.

4.4 Maintenance and Repair

LSV will require regular maintenance and annual servicing for the supplied Rig and Variable Light Spectrum Bulbs.

The stadium hosts both Rugby and Football matches, often with limited time between games in the schedule. Therefore, we require a supplier who can provide excellent Customer Care and timely resolution to any faults when they occur, to ensure we keep our surfaces at optimum levels without impacting on our schedule.

It is expected any identified issues to be resolved within 48 hours from point of contact.

We will require the products supplied to have robust warranties.

4.5 Training

The LSV grounds team will require robust and in-depth training at the point of delivery and throughout the lifetime of the equipment to understand the use and care of our chosen system. This will maximise the efficiency of the product as LSV.

5. Part Exchange

To obtain Value for Money, LSV would like to part exchange the following Rigs and lights to the successful supplier of this tender. Please include your valuation of the equipment below and include this figure in the pricing schedule.

TLS 36 – 2021 – (x2)

TLS 240 – 2017 – (x2)

TLS 160 – 2014 – (x2)

TLS 120 – 2015 – (x2)