Metropolitan Borough of Sefton

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT BOOK

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Decision Made By:	Executive Director Regeneration, Economy & Assets
Date of Decision:	10th November 2026
Subject Matter:	Construction cost advice – Aviary, Southport
Cabinet Portfolio:	Regeneration, Economy & Skills.

Background

To support with consultation in relation to the Aviary at Botanic Gardens in Southport, it has been recommended by the service to secure an independent and more robust view of the cost of building a new aviary that meets modern welfare standards for the number and type of birds held at the aviary.

Quotations have been sought from a shortlist of suitably experienced and qualified cost consultants. As the budget for the work was below £10,000, three written quotations were sought for delivery of the works within the targeted timeframe of completion of the independent report by 20th November 2026. The tender is compliant with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and all parties have been vetted to ensure that they meet the Council's requirements in terms of financial standing, capacity, and quality of performance.

Tender Process

Tenders were received as follows:

Cost consultant	Sum	Timeframe for completion
1	£5,975 + VAT	20th November 2026
2	£4,950 + VAT	18th December 2026
3	No quotation returned	N/A

The lowest price bid was unable to commit resources to delivering the work within the required timescale, so the next lowest bid (which could do so) is recommended.

No additional fee for Property and Strategic Asset Management resources is proposed, given the nature and pace of the work in question.

Recommendation

The Property & Building Services department recommends approval be given to proceed with the commission as proposed at a total cost of £5,975 plus VAT, including the acceptance of the lowest compliant fee proposal submitted by Gosling Consulting Limited.

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Decision: Approved

Agreed by:

Stephen Watson
Executive Director Regeneration, Economy & Assets
Sefton Council

Signed:



Dated: 12/11/2026