

Appendix 3

Operator Contract Procurement Timetable

A timetable for the procurement of a new operator contract is set out in Table 1 below. The contract will be tendered under the terms of the 2023 Procurement Act, which comes into force on 24 February 2025. This act provides the Council with greater flexibility to design a process that meets its requirements; however, in overall terms, it will follow a route similar to that used for the management contract for DDLC.

Table 1: Operator Contract Procurement Timetable

No	Task	Timescale
1	Implementation of agreed transition plan for YL lease	January – March 2025
2	Preparation of Management Contract SQ & ITT documentation	January – March 2025
3	Place advertisement, issue documentation and FTS notice	31 March 2025
4	ITT period	31 March 2025 – 18 July 2025
5	Bidder clarification meetings 1	w/c 28 April 2025
6	Bidder clarification meetings 2	w/c 9 June 2025
7	ITT submission deadline	18 July 2025
8	Evaluate and score submissions (including bidder clarifications)	21 July 2025 – 5 September 2025
9	Prepare ITT evaluation report (for Cabinet)	8 September 2025 – 3 October 2025
10	Council Cabinet	w/c 6 October 2025
11	Construction commences	October 2025
12	Management contract finalisation & mobilisation	October 2025 – December 2025
13	Management contract commencement	01 January 2026