

Loman Road Playground

Summary

It is proposed to draw down £20k from the Mytchett and Deepcut CIL funds to add to the £35k play improvement scheme agreed at Executive in March 2017 to further enhance the playground equipment and surfacing at Loman Road

Due to the size of the facility, the play providers advised that £35k would only provide a limited scheme in the well-used and popular local area of play.

There is currently £20k available in the ward CIL funds and in agreement with all three ward Councillors, they are happy to support this draw down of additional funds so an exciting new playground can be developed for the local community.

Portfolio: Places and Strategy

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 19 August 2020

Wards Affected:

Mytchett & Deepcut

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that

- (i) £20,000 be made available to draw down from the Mytchett and Deepcut CIL funds to help refurbish Loman Road play area; and
- (ii) the implementation of the works be delegated to the Executive Head of Business in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Places and Strategy

The Executive is advised to RECOMMEND to Full Council that the Capital Programme be increased by £20,000 to fund the works at Loman Road playground.

1. Key Issues

- 1.1 Loman Road playground was installed circa early 1980's and is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be replaced together with all the safety surfacing.
- 1.2 Following the recent annual RoSPA inspection, it was advised that the playground needed significant investment to be completely refurbished.
- 1.3 This facility is located in a residential area and is well used by the local children.

2. Resource Implications

- 2.1 The Council currently holds £20,000 of CIL funding for Mytchett and Deepcut.
- 2.2 The maintenance and inspection costs of this playground is included within the grounds maintenance contract

3. Options

- 3.1 The Executive has the option to either agree, reject or change the recommendations.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Executive RECOMMEND to Council that £20,000 of the CIL funds be made available to increase the agreed budget of £35,000 to £55k to enhance the playground facilities.
- 4.2 The implementation of the recommendation be delegated to the Executive Head for Business in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Places and Strategy.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 The proposed project will enhance the equipment and surfacing in the playground and will be an exciting facility for community of Mytchett and Deepcut.

6. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

6.1 People

This project will benefit the local community and give the residents and local community a safe place to play and meet.

6.2 Place

The improved refurbishment of this play area will enhance the overall look and feel of the estate.

6.3 Prosperity

Improving community cohesion and a natural link to the health and well-being of the children and community.

7. Policy Framework

- 7.1 N/A

8. Legal Issues

- 8.1 N/A

9. Governance

9.1 All procurement relating to this project will be undertaken within the Councils procurement procedures and through the Braintree Playground Framework.

10. Risk Management

10.1 As with all playgrounds, there is a risk of vandalism, however this play area is located within a residential housing estate and the play area is surrounded by properties on three sides.

11. Equalities Impact

11.1 In accordance with our impact assessment for playground refurbishments.

12. Human Rights

12.1 No issues identified

13. Consultation

13.1 The designs have been seen by the ward Councillors and if this additional funding is agreed, the plans will be advertised on the Council's website and social media channels including the Councillors own networks so the community can choose their preferred design.

14. PR and Marketing

14.1 Excellent opportunities are available to promote the investment in this new facility.

15. Officer Comments

15.1 This refurbishment is an excellent opportunity to unlock some of the CIL funds held by the Council to provide improved facilities and enhance the local area.

Annexes	None
Background Papers	None
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