

3 CRAIGOWL/DOWNFIELD SCHOOLS - DRAINAGE WORKS TO PLAYING FIELDS (AN191-2014)

The grass playing areas at Craigowl and Downfield Primary School have experienced drainage problems over the last few years. The consequences of this have been that grass growth has been poor and the grass areas have not been fully available for sports and general use.

Site investigation has confirmed that the source of the problem is the lack of a formal drainage system. In order to resolve this matter, it is proposed to introduce a new formal drainage system within the playing fields of both schools. In addition, works will be undertaken to the defective areas grass including cultivation of the soil and over seeding with grass. Two offers have been received from specialist sub-contractors to undertake the drainage improvements with the most favourable offer of £33,757.80 from Meiklem Drainage and Groundworks, Kelty. The total cost of the works is estimated to be £39,900.

It is proposed to undertake these works during the summer school holidays. This will reduce any disruption to the operation of the schools whilst allowing the optimum period for a rapid recovery of the grass areas. Hence there is a need to seek early approval for the works.

The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above costs can be met from allowances in the Council's 2014/15 Revenue Budget.

It is recommended that the Director of Environment be instructed to implement the proposed works during the school holidays.

In view of the timescales involved, this note was approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee, Labour Group spokesperson, Conservative member, Liberal Democrat member and the Independent member.