

ITEM No ...4.....

REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2017
REPORT ON: PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO. 11-2017

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To gain Committee approval for further playground improvements as part of the 2016/17 programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that approval be given for the projects below at:-

Project Reference Project Description	Contractor	Tender Amount	Fees & Other Costs	Total Amount
<i>PC001324 – Playground Improvements – Various Sites</i>	Neighbourhood Services	£67,000	£7,000	£74,000
Total project cost				£74,000

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Service has confirmed that the costs of £74,000 can be met from the capital allowances for Parks and Open Spaces within Recreation, Culture and Arts section of the General Section of the Capital Plan 2017-22.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 It is proposed to undertake a programme of Play Area Improvements at a number of locations to address existing health and safety concerns and to enhance the amenity of these facilities. The proposed measures will also help reduce the long term future maintenance burden.

4.2 Proposed works include:

- Milnbank Play Area - Improve all surfacing within the play area. This includes removing slabbed surface and replacing with rubber mulch safety surface and additional ground restoration works.
- Magdalen Green Play Area - Improve stability of the well-used banking by installation of a Scramble net to enhance play for users and additional restoration to safety surfacing.
- Kirkton Central – Upgrading of steps and uprights on play equipment, re-painted as required upgraded safety surfacing with “wetpour”/rubber mulch.
- Law Crescent - Remove play bark and replace with rubber mulch.
- Castle Green – Replacement of steel framed suspension rope swing.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6. CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services and all other Chief Officers have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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14 December 2016

<u>CLIENT</u>	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES</u>
PROJECT NUMBER PROJECT PROJECT INFORMATION	PC001324 Playground Improvements – Various Sites as per 4.2
ESTIMATED START DATE COMPLETION DATE	January 2017 March 2017
TOTAL COST	Several Works £67,000 Allowances £7,000 Total <u>£74,000</u>
FUNDING SOURCE	Capital – allowances for Parks and Open Spaces within the recreation, culture and arts and heritage section of the general services capital plan 2017-22.
BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING	2016/2017
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	None
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	There are no major issues.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None
TENDERS	Offer Price <u>Neighbourhood Services</u> <u>£67,000</u>
RECOMMENDATION	Acceptance of offer
ALLOWANCES	Professional Fees £7,000
SUB-CONTRACTORS	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

