

REPORT TO: Leisure Services Committee of 19 June 2000

REPORT ON: Dundee Play Area Report 2000

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure & Parks

REPORT NO: 317-2000

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To report back to Committee on the consultation with regards to the Play Area Report 2000, and to gain the Committee's approval for the proposed future actions with regard to implementation of the Play Area Report 2000.
- 1.2 To gain the Committee's approval for the proposed recommendations of the Dundee Play Area Report 2000.

2. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that proposals for the future development of play areas in Dundee, as outlined in the Dundee Play Area Report 2000, be agreed, in particular:-

- (a) the urgent play areas safety issues are addressed as a priority with the approval of the first and second year's phases of implementation.
- (b) the core strategic play areas list is approved for future action, including upgrading fencing and safety surfacing, and the database of Dundee play areas is updated regularly to ensure that the information it contains is valid.

3. **Financial Implications**

3.1 With reference to the Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000, the total cost for the removal of 46 play areas and the retention of 80 strategic play areas, of which 56 will be refurbished under this rationalisation programme, will be £1,500,000. This sum includes £349,600 for the removal and landscaping of the play areas indicated and £1,150,400 for the refurbishment of those to remain. The overall cost of Phase 1 (2000/2001) is £150,000 and a list of the actions are attached to this report as per appendix 3.

3.2 The expenditure will be phased over a 6 year period commencing in 2000/2001 to ensure that the amount of work undertaken each year is manageable by existing staff. The phasing would be as follows:-

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
£150,000	£250,000	£350,000	£250,000	£250,000	£250,000

Total Financial Implication = £1,500,000.

The current Leisure & Parks Department Capital budget includes provision for years 1-3 (2000/2001-2002/2003).

- 3.3 The cost of design consultation and supervision will be met from the existing Leisure & Parks Department Revenue budgets.
- 3.4 The overall cost of maintaining the play areas will not be increased. Any additional costs will be offset by reductions where play areas have to be removed.
- 3.5 Expenditure on Phase I will include the purchase of an inventory centred management control system for an estimated amount of £7,800. This can be met within the £150,000 Capital Budget for 2000/2001.

4. **Local Agenda 21 Implications**

- 4.1 The equipment that has been removed will be refurbished and re-used, where possible to improve other areas. The equipment and materials that are not re-used will be repaired for recycling. This will ensure that removal of the play areas does not create a problem of excessive disposal of materials and the environmental implications that would result.
- 4.2 All materials will be sourced from renewable resources where possible. It is proposed to install seats and litterbins made of recycled plastic. The safety surfacing used will also be of recycled materials.
- 4.3 The resulting areas, whether a play area has been removed or refurbished, will be an improvement to the environment of Dundee.

5. **Equal Opportunities Implications**

- 5.1 The refurbished play areas will be integrated as far as possible to ensure that people of all abilities will be able to access the facility and enjoy a fulfilling play environment along with their peers.
- 5.2 Facilities will be provided to interest children and young people of all ages.
- 5.3 All communities throughout Dundee will have access to high quality strategic play areas.
- 5.4 People living within areas affected by the Play Area Rationalisation proposals will be consulted before the details are finally decided upon.

6. **Main Text**

- 6.1 The Leisure Services Committee approved a remit on 16 August 1999 instructing the Director of Leisure & Parks to ensure that a survey into the condition of the Council's play areas would be reported to a Leisure Services Committee at the earliest possible time. This remit was approved unanimously by the Leisure Services Committee on that date, and subsequent an extensive audit of the play areas of Dundee was undertaken in order to fulfil the requirements of the Committee. The Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000 agreed the Dundee Play Area Report 2000 in principle dependent upon a 2 month consultation period with residents of all affected areas in Dundee. This consultation has now been completed and the Committee is asked to approve the revised list of play areas to be retained and refurbished, and the revised list of play areas to be removed. These are attached to the report as Appendix I and II.
- 6.2 During the consultation period, it was discovered that a play area, no. 126, Peebles Drive, had been left off the list. This has now been included on the To Be Retained List and this is the reason why the number of To Be Retained play areas has increased from 79 to 80.
- 6.3 Detailed costs for Phase One List for implementation in 2000/2001 which has already been approved by Committee will be submitted to an early Leisure Services Committee. Please see Appendix III.
- 6.4 As reported to the Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000, the Dundee Play Area Report 2000 takes into consideration all the health and safety implications.
 - *The Leisure & Parks Department Inspection Specifications in future will conform to Part 7 of BSEN 1176:1998. This will be achieved by purchasing an inventory centred management control system.*

- *The Leisure & Parks Department's staff carrying out playground inspections will receive additional instruction and training to be able to conform to the rigours of this new European Standard. This will be undertaken in 2000/2001 within the Leisure & Parks Department's Training Budget*
- *The Leisure & Parks Department's staff will also improve the efficiency and competence of their repair cycle to comply with the regimes of Part 7 of BSEN 1176:1998 by recording maintenance visits and utilising an inventory centred management control system.*
- *The Leisure & Parks Department as far as is reasonably practicable, will put into place procedures to ensure that prompt action is taken to repair or make safe play equipment, if found to be defective. This will be achieved by a system of reporting and inspections using the inventory management system.*
- *The Leisure & Parks Department will carry out Risk Assessments on each playground under the Council's control as it is upgraded. These will then be revised for any future revisions to each play area.*

Please see Appendix IV for details of proposed inventory management control system. If approved this will be reported back to a future Committee as a tender report.

- 6.6 After the play equipment has been removed and the hard standing retained or grassed over, if the area is on the Housing Department's account, it will revert to the responsibility of the Housing Department to maintain.
- 6.7 Following elected member consultation with their constituents, a decision will be required by Committee to consider the retention of the following play areas which were identified in the original report for removal.

ID	Title	Site No.
38	Derwent Avenue Play Area	SNK157
78	Lewis Terrace Play Area	SEF061
112	Strathmore Street Play Area	SBM159

As the playgrounds detailed above are not included in the programme of refurbishments/removal for this financial year, a decision on these can be made by Committee at a later date and considered in financial plan in later years of the implementation/removal programme.

7. **Consultations**

- 7.1 Consultations have been undertaken with Elected Members in regard to the implications for their wards with regard to the Play Area Report 2000
- 7.2 Consultation has also been undertaken with Housing, Education, Environmental & Consumer Protection, Social Work, and Economic Development Departments.
- 7.3 The National Playing Fields Association, Keep Our Children Safe Campaign, Play Scotland, and Handicapped Adventure Playground Association, as well as the Chief Constable of Tayside, have been asked for comments on the report. To date the National Playing Fields Association, Keep our Children Safe Campaign and Play Scotland, have responded with positive comments on its contents and offers of help in the future.
- 7.4 An accessibility analysis of those play areas proposed to be retained and upgraded in Phase I, has also been undertaken.
- 7.5 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, and Director of Support Services have been consulted on the contents of this report.

8.0 **Background Papers**

Agenda Item IX of the Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000

Dundee Play Area Audit 1999, European Standard EM1176.

9.0 **Signature**

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Director of Leisure & Parks

Date

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APPENDIX I

PLAY AREAS TO BE RETAINED

ID	Title	Site No.	Refurbishment Yes/No
1	Abercromby Street Play Area	SBM158	Yes
5	Ardler Courtyard Play Area No. 1	SNA091	No
9	Ardler Multis Play Area No. 3	SNA084	No
11	Balgarthno Road Play Area	SNS009	Yes
12	Balgay Court Play Area	SCM063	Yes
13	Balgowan Avenue Play Area	SNK144	Yes
14	Ballindean Road Play Area	SBE210	Yes
15	Baxter Park Play Area	SEB095	Yes (in strategy for park)
16	Beechwood Play Area	SNB056	No
17	Belmont Estate Play Area	SND025	No
20	Brackens Play Area No. 2	SNW124	Yes
23	Bridge Street Play Area	SBF074	Yes
24	Caird Park Play Area	SED009	No
26	Camperdown Play Complex	SNP036	Yes
27	Carlochic Place Play Area	SEW016	Yes
28	Carnegie Square Play Area	SEB170	No
29	Castle Green Play Area	SBF070	Yes
30	Clatto Country Park No. 1	SNP034	No
31	Clatto Country Park No. 2	SNP035	No
32	Claypotts Park Play Area	SBD031	Yes
33	Cleington Road Play Area	SEB023	Yes
34	Cobden Street Play Area	SCD064	Yes
35	Crescent Street Play Area	SCC074	Yes
36	Dawson Park Play Area No. 1	SBD039	Yes
39	Dickson Avenue Play Area	SCM060	Yes
40	Dochart/Yarrow Terrace Play Area	SCM062	Yes
41	Dudhope Park Play Area	SCD172	Yes
44	Fairbairn Street Play Area	SEB100	Yes
45	Fairmuir Park Play Area	SNF072	Yes
47	Finlathen Park Play Area	SEH034	Yes
48	Fintry Drive Play Area	SEF046	Yes
49	Fintry Gardens Play Area	SEF043	Yes
50	Fintry Place Play Area	SBF068	Yes
53	Foggyley Play Area	SNB016	Yes
56	Foula Terrace Play Area	SEF066	Yes
57	Gillies Park Play Area	SBM160	Yes
59	Halley Place	SNK177	No
65	Jacobson Gardens Play area	SNK176	No
66	Jamaica Square Play Area	SEB166	No
67	Kellyfield Play Area	SBW210	Yes
72	Kinburnie Place Play Area	SCD170	Yes
73	Kirk Street Play Area No. 1	SCM093	Yes
74	Kirk Street Play Area No. 2	SCM092	Yes
75	Kirkton Central Core Play Area	SNK145	Yes
76	Laird Street Play Area	SNW122	Yes
77	Lawton Road Play Area	SCD207	Yes
82	Lochee Park Play Area	SCV027	Yes
83	Longhaugh Road Play Area	SBW188	Yes

84	Magdalen Green Play Area	SCC150	No
85	Malcolm Street Play Area	SEB120	Yes
86	Marlee Road Play Area	SBF069	Yes
87	Maxwelltown Central Play Area	SCD176	No
88	Maxwelltown Concierge Play Area No. 1	SEB164	No
89	Maxwelltown Concierge Play Area No. 2	SEB165	No
90	Maxwelltown Shops Play Area		No
91	Midlin Play Zone		No
92	Mill O'Mains Park Play Area	SEF058	Yes
93	Milnebank Play Area	SCC152	Yes
94	Moncur Crescent Play Area	SNF062	Yes
95	Mossgeil Place Play area	SEH038	Yes
98	Orchar Park Play Area	SBF093	Yes
99	Ormiston Crescent Play Area No. 1	SBW221	Yes
100	Ormiston Crescent Play Area No. 2	SBW222	No
101	Ormiston Crescent Play Area No. 3	SBW165	Yes
102	Rosebank Street Play Area	SCD202	Yes
103	Sandeman Street Play Area	SEB093	Yes
104	South Road Park Play Area	SCS040	Yes
105	Spey Drive Play Area	SCM058	Yes
108	St Mathews Lane Play Area No. 1	SEW053	Yes
109	St Leonards Place Play Area	SNW129	No
111	Stobsmuir Park Play Area	SEB094	Yes
114	Taybridge Landfall Play Area		No
118	Victoria Park Play Area	SCV015	No
120	Wellgate Park Play Area	SEB163	Yes
121	Wellington Square Play Area	SEB167	No
122	Whitfield Central Core Play Area	SBW175	Yes
123	Whitfield Green Play Area No. 1	SBW086	Yes
124	Whitfield Green Play Area No. 2	SBW087	Yes
125	Whorterbank Play Area	SNB052	Yes
126	Peebles Drive	SBW209	Yes

APPENDIX II

PLAY AREAS TO BE REMOVED

ID	Title	Site No.	Removal Rationale
2	Aberlady Crescent Play Area No. 1	SBW181	Very poor play area
3	Aberlady Crescent Play Area No. 2	SBW219	Non-strategic play area
4	Arbroath Road Play Area	SEB118	Non Strategic
6	Ardler Courtyard Play Area No. 2	SNA087	Non-strategic play area
7	Ardler Courtyard Play Area No. 3	SNA088	Yes
8	Ardler Multis Play Area No. 1	SNA093	Local demolition has removed need
10	Ardler Shops Play Area	SNA087	Very poor play area
18	Black Street Play Area	SCV084	Non-strategic play area
19	Brackens Play Area No. 1	SNW127	Non-strategic play area
21	Brackens Play Area No. 3	SNW128	Non-strategic play area
22	Brackens Play Area No. 4	SNW125	Non-strategic play area
25	Camperdown Park Play Area	SNP032	Non-strategic play area
37	Dawson Park Playground No. 2	SBD032	Very poor play area
38	Derwent Avenue Play Area	SNK157	Non-strategic play area
42	Dunbar Park Play Area	SBW204	Non-strategic play area
43	Earn Crescent Play Area	SCM090	Non-strategic play area
46	Findale Street Play Area	SEF051	Poor non-strategic play area
51	Fintryside Play Area	SEF054	Non-strategic play area
52	Fleuchar Street Play Area	SCV083	Non-strategic play area
54	Forebank Play Area	SEB154	Non-strategic play area
55	Forth Crescent Play Area	SCM059	Poor non-strategic play area
58	Glenprosen Terrace Play Area	SNF022	Very poor play area
60	Harefield Avenue Play Area	SNB059	Non-strategic play area
61	Helenbank Park Play Area	SCM094	Non-strategic play area
62	Hill Street Play Area	SCD178	Non-strategic play area
63	Hillside Court Play Area	SCM087	Non-strategic play area
64	Invercraig Place Play Area	SNS163	Very poor play area
68	Kennerty Dairies Play Area	SCD204	Non-strategic play area
69	Kerrs Lane Play Area	SNS129	Non-strategic play area
70	Kilwinning Place	SBW191	Non-strategic play area
71	Kinghorne Road Play Area	SCD203	Non-strategic play area
78	Lewis Terrace Play Area	SEF061	Non-strategic play area
79	Liff Crescent Play Area	SNS164	Very poor play area
80	Lily Bank Terrace	SEW078	Non-strategic play area
81	Lismore Terrace Play Area	SEF062	Yes
96	Mull Terrace Play Area	SEF064	Poor Non-strategic play area
97	Myrekirk Terrace Play Area	SNS161	Very poor play area
106	Springhill Gardens Play Area	SEW077	Non-strategic play area
107	St Joseph's Play Area	SCC151	Very poor play area
110	Stirling Street Play Area	SCD201	Non-strategic play area
112	Strathmore Street Play Area	SBM159	Non strategic play area
113	Taits Lane Play Area	SCV130	Non-strategic play area
115	Tranent Walk Play Area	SBW186	Non-strategic play area
116	Trottick Multis Play Area	SNK149	Non-strategic play area
117	Union Place Play Area	SCC164	Non-strategic play area
119	Wellgate Housing Play Area	SCC082	Very poor play area

APPENDIX III

PROPOSED PHASE 1 LIST – 2000/2001

ID	Title	Site Code	Proposals
2	Aberlady Crescent Play Area No. 1	SBW181	Remove play area
4	Arbroath Road Play Area	SEB118	Remove play area
8	Ardler Multis Play Area No. 1	SNA093	Remove play area
19	Brackens Play Area No. 1	SNW127	Remove play area
21	Brackens Play Area No. 3	SNW128	Remove play area
25	Camperdown Park Play Area	SNP032	Remove play area
37	Dawson Park Play Area No. 2	SBD032	Remove play area
39	Dickson Avenue Place Area	SCM060	Refurbish play area; urgent action required as swings on slabs
40	Dochart/Yarrow Terrace Place Area	SCM062	Refurbish play area; urgent action required due to concrete climbing wall
52	Fleuchar Street Play Area	SCV083	Remove play area
61	Helenbank Play Area	SCM094	Remove play area
64	Invercraig Place Play Area	SNS163	Remove play area
68	Kennerty Dairies Play Area	SCD204	Remove play area
71	Kinghorne Road Play Area	SCD203	Remove play area
73	Kirk Street Play Area No. 1	SCM093	Refurbish play area; urgent action required as equipment on slabs
74	Kirk Street Play Area No. 2	SCM092	Refurbish play area; urgent action required as equipment on slabs
75	Kirkton Central Core Play Area	SNK145	Refurbish play area; urgent action required as equipment on hard standing
79	Liff Crescent Play Area	SNS164	Remove play area
80	Lily Bank Terrace Play Area	SEW078	Remove play area
96	Mull Terrace Play Area	SEF064	Remove play area
97	Myrekirk Terrace Play Area	SNS161	Remove play area
107	St Josephs Play Area	SCC151	Remove play area
117	Union Place Play Area	SCC164	Remove play area

APPENDIX IV

PROPOSED INVENTORY CENTRED MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

1. The Leisure and Parks Department has an existing UNIX database system which has all the sites that Leisure and Parks carry out work on and the components that make up the site.
2. The object of the proposed inventory centred management system would be to utilise the existing database material and make it available for use on all the play area site.
3. Inventory centred management system will store and allow the update of information on individual pieces of play equipment, including maintenance and inspections as per BS EN1176. A key component of the system is its ability to make reports on various parameters.
4. The approximate costs for a computer based centred management system would be:-

i.	PC based software	£3,500.00
ii.	Handheld recorder	£1,500.00
iii.	PC and peripherals	£1,300.00
iv.	Tags for equipment @ 50p each	£500.00
v.	System support	£1,000.00
	Approximate Total	————— £7,800.00 =====
5. The usage of a system would enable the establishment of an ongoing inventory inspection.
6. Data input will be required with a staff commitment of one person for approximately one month. This could be undertaken by Leisure and Parks Department staff.