

REPORT TO: Housing, Dundee Contract Services & Environment Services Committee - 22nd October 2007

REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements - 2007/2008 - Fintry Drive & Wellgate Park Playground

REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain approval to carry out improvements to the Fintry Drive & Wellgate Park Playgrounds as part of the Play Area Improvements for 2007/2008.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve:-

2.1 The improvements to the Fintry Drive & Wellgate Park Playgrounds in 2007/2008 as detailed in paragraph 4.2 and 4.3; and

2.2 The work be carried out by Dundee Contract Services at an estimated cost of £70,000.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The proposals can be funded from the provision of £72,000 remaining from the Quality of Life Funding for Play Areas and Open Space Improvements in 2007/2008.

4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 The proposals for the Fintry Drive and Wellgate Park Playgrounds forms part of the overall improvements for the phased upgrading of all children's playgrounds in the city.

4.2 The Fintry Drive proposals will assist in the regeneration and enhancement of this site and will provide a much improved play facility for the community. The improvements include installation of new playground equipment, multi-play unit, rockers and climbing frame. Refurbishment of existing swings and also complete replacement of the existing rubber safety surface and refurbishment of existing benches.

4.3 The Wellgate Park proposals also form an important element to the new gateway to the Hilltown and the overall physical regeneration framework for the area. The proposals to upgrade the playground are part of the wider environmental improvement for the whole of the park and surrounding area which are being funded through CRF, ERDF and the Planning & Transportation Department's capital programme. Improvements include removal of bridge structure and monoblock mound, refurbishment of slide and existing rope climbing frame. The installation of new play equipment such as multi-play unit, swings and rocking equipment, also removal and renewal of woodchip safety surface.

4.4 Proposals for Fintry Drive and Wellgate Park Playgrounds have been drawn up in consultation with community groups/representatives.

4.5 The above works are estimated to cost £70,000 and it is proposed they be carried out by Dundee Contract Services. Allowance is available from the Quality of Life Funding in 2007/2008 for the works.

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.

5.2 The proposals will enhance an area of open space and provide a safe and enhanced environmental quality, promoting leisure opportunities and encourage healthy living.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance and the Director of Leisure and Communities were consulted on the contents of this report and are in agreement.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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