

REPORT TO: Dundee Contract Services Committee - 13th November 2006
REPORT ON: Play Area Improvements - 2006/2007
REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Committee approval for Dundee Contract Services to carry out a phased programme of Play Area Improvements for 2006/2007.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to approve:-

- 2.1 The planned programme of improvements to five play areas in the city for 2006/2007 as detailed in para. 6.3.
2.2 The work to be carried out by Dundee Contract Services at an estimated cost of £162,600.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposals can be funded from the provision of £125,000 allowed under the Quality of Life Funding for Play Areas and Open Space Improvements, £12,600 from the allowance of £100,000 under the Capital Plan for Play Area Improvements in 2006/2007 and a contribution of £25,000 for the Whorterbank Playground from the Community Regeneration Fund has been recommended by the local forum.

4. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6. MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Reference is made to previous Committee items concerning the phased programme of Play Area Refurbishments.

6.2 The next phase includes play areas in Housing and Open Space areas at:-

Whorterbank Play Area
St Mathews Lane Play Area
Drumlithie Place Play Area
Whitfield Central Core (West) Playground
Lawton Road Play Area

6.3 Proposals have been drawn up for each site in consultation with the appropriate local elected member and, where possible, community groups/representatives. The works include installation of safety surfacing, metal fencing where required and the purchase and erection of new play equipment.

6.3.1. Whorterbank Play Area - area redesigned to include railings, safety surfacing and several new items of play equipment - Estimated cost - £50,000.

After discussion with local community representatives a contribution of £25,000 from the Community Regeneration Fund has been recommended by the local forum towards the cost of these play area proposals.

6.3.2 St Mathews Lane Play Area - area redesigned to provide an adventure trail and ground graphic games, railings and safety surfacing - Estimated cost - £30,000.

6.3.3. Whitfield Central Core (West) Playground - area redesigned to include new safety surfacing and new items of play equipment - Estimated cost - £32,000.

6.3.4 Drumlithie Place Play Area - Brackens - area redesigned to include railings, safety surfacing and three items of toddlers play equipment - Estimated cost - £17,600.

6.3.5 Lawton Road Play Area - area redesigned to include railings, safety surfacing and new items of play equipment - Estimated cost - £33,000.

6.4 These works are estimated to cost a total of £162,600 and it is proposed that they be carried out by Dundee Contract Services. Allowances are available from the Quality of Life Fund and Capital Plan in 2006/2007 for these works and a proposed grant from the Community Regeneration Fund.

7. CONSULTATION

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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