

**REPORT TO:** Leisure Services Committee – 20 November 2000  
**REPORT ON:** Dundee Play Area Report – Proposals for Phase II of the Programme  
**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure & Parks  
**REPORT NO:** 695-2000

1. **Purpose of Report**

To gain approval for Phase II of the Play Area Programme.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that Phase II of the Play Area Report is approved in principle for implementation in 2001/2002.

2.2 It is further recommended that the Director of Leisure and Parks is given the remit to complete detailed designs and costings for Phase II and report back to a subsequent Committee for approval.

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 and £1,150,400 for the refurbishment of those to remain. The current Leisure and Parks Department Capital budget includes provision for years 1-3 (2000/2001-2002/2003) of the 6 year programme.

3.2 The overall cost of Phase II (2001/2002) is £250,000.

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.

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 litter bins 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 have been consulted by their Ward Councillor before the details were 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. Subsequently an extensive audit of the play areas of Dundee was undertaken. The Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000 agreed the Dundee Play Area Report 2000 in principle and the Leisure Services Committee of 21 August 2000 approved the detailed costs for the implementation of Phase I.
- 6.2 Phase II list has been drawn up by concentrating on health and safety issues and completing the majority of the remaining removals of Play Areas in Phase II. The refurbishments are designed to tackle those play areas that will provide the most benefit to the whole of Dundee. This will be done by improving Camperdown Country Park Play Area which is the biggest and most widely used play area and the others covering a distribution across the city.
- 6.3 It is therefore recommended that the Committee agrees to the proposed Phase II list, and remits the Director of Leisure and Parks to bring forward tender reports for the works as part of the Department's 2001/2002 Capital Programme. The final list will be determined by the detailed costs and will be the subject of a further report to Committee.

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 Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Support Services and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on the contents of this report.

8.0 **Background Papers**

Agenda Item XI of the Leisure Services Committee of 16 August 1999  
Agenda Item IX of the Leisure Services Committee of 20 March 2000  
Agenda Item III of the Leisure Services Committee of 21 August 2000  
Agenda Item V of the Leisure Services Committee of 18 September 2000

9.0 **Signature**

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Director of Leisure & Parks

**Date**

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**PROPOSED PHASE II LIST – 2001/20002**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Site No.</b>	<b>Removal/Upgrade</b>
1	Abercromby Street	SBM158	Upgrade
3	Aberlady Crescent Play Area No. 2	SBW219	Removal
6	Ardler Courtyard Play Area No. 2	SNA087	Removal
14	Ballindean Road Play Area	SBE210	Upgrade
18	Black Street Play Area	SCV084	Removal
22	Brackens Play Area No. 4	SNW125	Removal
26	Camperdown Play Complex	SNP036	Upgrade
42	Dunbar Park Play Area	SBW204	Removal
43	Earn Crescent Play Area	SCM090	Removal
46	Findale Street Play Area	SEF051	Removal
49	Fintry Gardens Play Area	SEF043	Upgrade
51	Fintryside Play Area	SEF054	Removal
54	Forebank Play Area	SEB154	Removal
55	Forth Crescent Play Area	SCM059	Removal
58	Glenprosen Terrace Play Area	SNF022	Removal
60	Harefield Avenue Play Area	SNB059	Removal
62	Hill Street Play Area	SCD178	Removal
63	Hillside Court Play Area	SCM087	Removal
69	Kerrs Lane Play Area	SNS129	Removal
70	Kilwinning Place	SBW191	Removal
72	Kinburnie Play Play Area	SCD170	Upgrade
76	Laird Street Play Area	SNW122	Upgrade
81	Lismore Terrace Play Area	SEF062	Removal
106	Springhill Gardens Play Area	SEW077	Removal
110	Stirling Street Play Area	SCD201	Removal
113	Taits Lane Play Area	SCV130	Removal
115	Tranent Walk Play Area	SBW186	Removal
116	Trottick Multis Play Area	SNK149	Removal
119	Wellgate Housing Play Area	SCC082	Removal
122	Whitfield Central/Core Play Area	SBW175	Upgrade

The Ardler Court Yard Play Area No. 3 – This Play Area will be removed under the Ardler demolition programme.

Ardler Shops Play Area – This play area will be removed under the Ardler demolition contract.