

3 FORMER CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS - GRASSING OF TARMAC SURFACING (AN413-2004)

A number of small children's play areas throughout the city were closed between 1999 and 2001 as part of the Council's programme on the rationalisation of playgrounds. The closure only involved the removal of the equipment with the hard surfacing and boundaries remaining.

Since the closures, the Department have removed some of the hard surfacing and grassed the areas over to provide for easier landscape maintenance when finance permitted.

There are still a number of small sites, approximately 21, in various housing schemes which still require the tarmac/slabbed surfaces to be removed, topsoiled and grassed and some kerbing required.

The work is estimated to cost £17,000 and can be met from the provision of £50,000 allowed for the landscaping of playgrounds under Quality of Life Funding in 2004/2005.

It is recommended that Dundee Contract Services carry out the work on the smaller sites at an estimate cost of £17,000.