

**REPORT TO:** Leisure and Arts Service Committee - 20 November 2006

**REPORT ON:** Play Area Improvements Phase VII

**REPORT BY:** Director of Leisure and Communities

**REPORT NO:** 651-2006

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for Play Practice as specialist contractor to undertake the construction of a new Play Area at Stobsmuir Park under Phase VII of the Play Area Improvements.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the sum of £36,000 for Play Practice to act as specialist suppliers for the design, supply and construction of a new Play Area at Stobsmuir Park under Phase VII of the Play Area Improvements.
- 2.2 Approve, due to the nature of the works, a 10% contingency sum of £4,000 giving a total of £40,000.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The total cost of £40,000 can be met from the 2006/07 Capital Budget of the Leisure and Communities Department (£25,000) and the Quality of Life funding allocated to the Leisure and Communities Department for 2006/07 (£15,000).

## **4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Sustainability  
The creation of a new play space will enhance Stobsmuir Park adding to the existing attractions of the park thus promoting leisure and access opportunities and encouraging healthy living.
- 4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment  
None required.
- 4.3 Anti-Poverty  
As a free facility it will be accessible to all economic groups within the area.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The project will add to the play provision within the area making the park more family-friendly.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The design and construction of a new play area at Stobsmuir Park is being undertaken as part of Phase VII Play Area Improvements.
- 6.2 The Committee is recommended to accept Play Practice as the specialist contractor for Play Area Improvements Phase VII due to their proven record with the Council, the quality of their workmanship, efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- 6.3 The cost for the project includes for the following:
- Working in conjunction with the Landscape Design Team on the detail design and costing of the play park
  - Supply and installation of equipment, surfacing and groundworks
  - Contract Administration of the project

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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