

Business Case for the supply and installation of new equipment for three play areas:

The Crescent, Baldocks Lane & The Country Park Visitors Centre March 2015

B 1 - General

To seek members approval to purchase play equipment for the three play areas , The Crescent , Baldocks Lane and the Country Park Visitors Centre

B 2 –Service / Service / Function

The councils Communities and Neighbourhoods section is responsible for the Boroughs play strategy. This includes most of the children’s play areas and recreational open green spaces in Melton Mowbray. The three play areas for which new equipment has been identified have had virtually all their existing equipment condemned on health and safety grounds and either removed or disabled. This business case is seeking members approval to utilise funds already identified to cover the cost of the required replacement equipment

B 3 – Strategic fit

The proposal is in line with current policy and is designed to facilitate safe, attractive and desirable play areas and play facilities that best meet the preferences of regular local users as well as offering attractive activities for tourists and other Borough visitors. The initiative fits well with increasing community and social cohesion as well as encouraging healthy active leisure activities that help combat problems of obesity as well as mental and physical fatigue.

B 4 - Options appraisal

Play area equipment is almost exclusively purchased directly from supply and install companies. There are effectively no other options as lease or hire is not generally appropriate or available. The company identified for all the purchases is ‘Playdale’ one of the UK’s leading play equipment supply and installer giving long term validity to guarantees , consistency in regards to quality and performance and the security of a respected firm established for over 35 years ago with every expectation that it will be here for the foreseeable future .

B 5 - Achievability

The equipment chosen is to be supplied and installed by Playdale who have indicated their availability to supply and install within a few weeks upon confirmation of purchase and accordingly there are no achievability issues envisaged.

B 6 - Legal Issues (if applicable)

The equipment will be installed professionally and will receive an inspection upon completion from a qualified inspector. From then on the site will receive regular weekly inspections supplemented by more in depth quarterly and annual

inspections, and accordingly there are not expected to be any legal issues.

B 7 Specification

The specification has been identified and an optimum chosen following submissions by a number of play equipment suppliers. The chosen play equipment scheme is in line with a typical play equipment provision and accordingly typical of the specification expected.

B 8 - Financial Implications

Capital

	£	Comment
Initial Costs	£65,000	This is a total supply and install costing for all 3 play areas (inclusive of all safety surfacing)
External Funding	£30,000	Relevant 106 contribution funding
Net Cost	£35,000	From Existing budgets within Special expenses
Ongoing Savings	-	-
Phasing	-	-

B 9 – Project Scoring Matrix

Scoring – for your project – calculate the points.			
Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Cost £ (budget, time and human resource)	<£65		
Timescale	< 6 months		
Impact if project failed on the organisation	Minor disruption		
Melton's Track Record	Done Successfully Many Times Before		
Stakeholder Interest (internal and external)			Major
Project Complexity	Straight-forward		
TOTAL	A5	B0	C3
OVERALL SCORE	8		