

# **Business Case for the supply and installation of a play area in the green play space on Avon road**

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## **B 1 - General**

To seek member's approval to order, install and maintain play equipment for the Avon road playing field jointly with a local community group.

## **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 open green spaces in Melton Mowbray. However there does remain a few area that residents in very localised communities have felt are missing dedicated play areas and the Avon road playing green within the Dorian Ward is one such place. It is here that a group of local residents have managed to raise the funds required for the play equipment they want and it is that group that are requesting we pick up the project in regards to its ordering installation and maintenance . The councils Environmental Maintenance Service would then be responsible for, the initial purchase, the installation inspection and sign off as well as all on-going inspection and maintenance..

## **B 3 – Strategic fit**

This community initiative is a good example of a local group organising themselves to achieve a positive outcome. They have raised over £10k to achieve this and through working jointly with us they will be able to provide their local community with a facility chosen for and by themselves, giving them ownership and helping encourage respect and pride in their play area.

## **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 community group have identified the equipment they want and have raised the funds for it entirely through their own efforts. They are now looking for the council to pick up the ordering and installation process and on-going maintenance arrangement that will see the play area receive weekly inspections and consideration for its longer term sustainability.

## **B 5 - Achievability**

The equipment chosen is to be supplied and installed through the council by 'Playdale 'one if not the leading UK play equipment supply and installers. Playdale have indicated their availability to supply and install upon confirmation of purchase and accordingly there are no achievability issues envisaged. The Council does compare design, style and value for money against 3 different providers.

## **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

<i>Capital</i>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Initial Costs</b>	<b>10,999.96</b>	<b><i>This is a total supply and install costing ( inclusive of all safety surfacing )</i></b>
<b>External Funding</b>	<b>10,999.96</b>	<b><i>The local community group have raised the funds required</i></b>
<b>Net Cost</b>	-	-
<b>Ongoing Savings</b>	-	-
<b>Phasing</b>	-	-

## B 9 – Project Scoring Matrix

<b>Scoring – for your project – calculate the points.</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>1 Point</b>	<b>2 Points</b>	<b>3 Points</b>
<b>Cost £ (budget, time and human resource)</b>	<b>&lt;£10k</b>	<b>£10k - £50K</b>	<b>&gt;£50K</b>
<b>Timescale</b>	<b>&lt; 6 months</b>	<b>6 – 12 months</b>	<b>&gt; 12 months</b>
<b>Impact if project failed on the organisation</b>	<b>Minor disruption</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>Melton's Track Record</b>	<b>Done Successfully Many Times Before</b>	<b>Done Successfully Once or Twice Before</b>	<b>New Area of Working</b>
<b>Stakeholder Interest (internal and external)</b>	<b>Minimal</b>	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>Project Complexity</b>	<b>Straight-forward</b>	<b>Moderately Complex</b>	<b>Highly Complex</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>a?</b>	<b>b?</b>	<b>c?</b>
<b>OVERALL SCORE</b>	<b>2+1+1+1+2+1=8</b>		