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REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

**PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC GAMES UNIT
FOR MELTON COUNTRY PARK**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Community & Social Affairs committee member support to request Policy, Finance & Administration Committee to endorse the purchase and installation of an outdoor electronic games unit (an 'I-Play' unit) .

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That Policy Finance & Administration Committee be requested to approve the following recommendation:-**
- 2.2 **Members endorse the development of Melton Country Park by supporting the business case and mandate (attached to this report as Appendix A) for the purchase and installation of an 'I-Play' unit using section 106 funding**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Continued development and improved facilities for Melton's Country Park are expected to further enhance the site bringing increased benefit to the local community and other park visitors alike. The proposed development supports the council's Healthy lifestyle agenda and further increases the recreational activities in the park. The I-play unit designed specifically to be enjoyed by a wide range of age groups
- 3.2 The proposal to purchase and install an I-play unit was firstly discussed at length and fully supported by both senior officers from within the councils Communities and Neighbourhood section as well as the friends of the Melton Country park group
- 3.3 The council's management team have supported the initial project mandate and this report brings the project business case (attached as Appendix A) for CSA consideration with a view to them requesting PF&A approval for the project to proceed to establishment.
- 3.4 Further information and details about the I-play unit are attached as Appendix B

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct policy or corporate implications as a result of this report

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funding for the purchase and installation of the I-Play unit is to drawn from external Section 106 monies at a cost of £21K. The estimated on going revenue costs are in the region of £200 per year (as detailed within the project business case) , which covers remote updates /fixes and new game developments

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no legal or powers implications as a result of this report

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

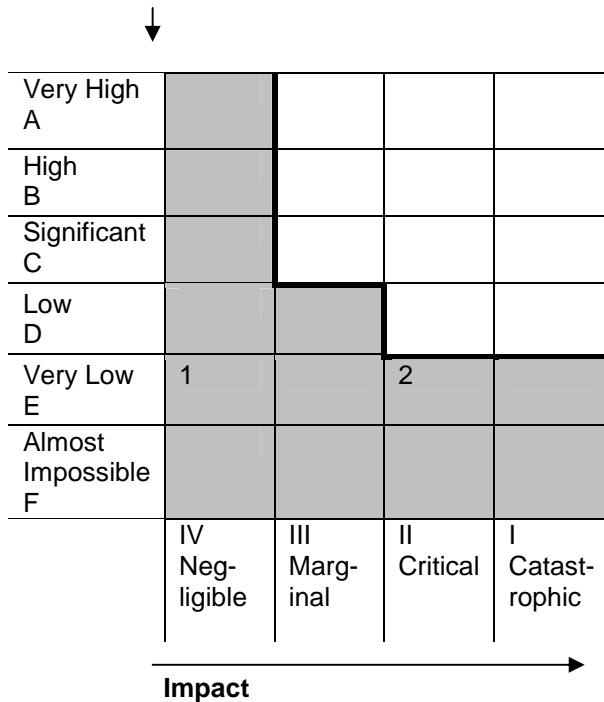
7.1 The games unit offers safe and healthy activity, encouraging ‘stealth exercise’. There are no implications other than a degree of positive benefit for the safety of the community as a result of this report

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 The unit is designed to be used by a wide range of ages and ability groups, having a very large visual display and speaking voice both providing clear instruction for players from a number of meters away. Duplicate controls set at different heights allow for different age players. The unit also has the capacity to offer different skill levels of play activities, designed to provide games suitable for users of differing abilities. Multi language as well as pictorial instruction are also available. An EIA is attached at Appendix C

9.0 RISKS

9.1 Probability



Risk No.	Description
1	Play value of 1 play unit is not fully realised
2	Section 106 funding is not release

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no direct climate change implications as a result of this report

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation has been carried out with senior council officers and the Friends of Melton Country Park Group. The friends group have since visited a unit installed in another park

location in Leicestershire and were very satisfied that a similar unit installed in the Melton Country park would provide excellent play value and further enhance the parks continuing and improving facilities

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 Melton Country Park is in Newport ward , however the I play unit is expected to provide for a leisure pursuit for all the parks patrons and visitors.

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Appendices : Appendix A - Business Case & Project Mandate
Appendix B - I Play literature
Appendix C - Equalities Impact assessment

Background Papers: None

Reference : X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\CSA\2011 12\220611