

APPENDIX B “Project Mandate”

Agenda item number:

Date of issue:

Meeting: Programme Board

Date: TBC

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Service : Environmental Maintenance Team

Status: First request

Subject: Play area equipment replacement

1 Purpose of report

To seek member support for continuing to follow a capital renewal & replacement programme for play area equipment, previously endorsed by members in November 2014.

2 Recommendations

To provide capital monies for replacement play area equipment (2015/16 and 2016/17) in line with a member approved programme of equipment and apparatus replacement and renewal based on the actual condition, safety and safe working life of play equipment.

3 Background

The Council play areas have been established and developed over a number of years with no consideration for replacement or renewal. This led to a wide range of replacement and renewal requirements in terms of timescales and costs which resulted in a comprehensive and overarching programme of equipment renewals and replacements being produced and supported by members of the CSA committee at a meeting in November 2014.

This mandate follows that agreed programme and accordingly requests a capital expenditure sum of £74,750 to cover the predetermined renewals of certain items of failing equipment in play areas Thrush Close, West Avenue, Honeysuckle Way, Kirby Fields and Scalford Brook.

4 Legal, financial and IT implications

Play areas require regular inspection and examination of all equipment. These weekly inspections inform both the maintenance and replacement demand which were used in part to develop the replacement programme. The agreed programme ensures the council is keeping its facilities safe and appropriate for its residents and ensures the councils liability for any incidents or accidents that relate to play area equipment and or apparatus is kept to the minimum achievable.

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Initial Assessment of risk

There is little risk in regards to following the replacement programme as generally only renowned and national companies are invited to quote for replacement equipment giving an assurance of quality, longevity and on-going support. Failing to renew play equipment as required will greatly increase the liability of the Council for any equipment failures and associated incidents or accidents.

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Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

Replacement equipment options and choices will include consideration for specialist equipment suitable for those with limited ability. There are no diversity or staffing implications as a result of this mandate.
