

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE CABINET

4th JULY 2007

CAPITAL PROGRAMME INCREASE – OAKALLS PLAY FACILITY

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor June Griffiths
Responsible Head of Service	Culture & Community Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests Members to agree an increase in the Section 106 grant payment of £25,000 for the provision of play facilities on the Oakalls Estate, Bromsgrove.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Executive Cabinet is recommended to:
- 2.1.1 Agree the payment of an additional £25,000 in respect of the play facilities at Oakalls from Section 106 monies.
 - 2.1.2 Request the Council to amend its capital programme for 2007 /2008 accordingly.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members agreed to the installation of new play facilities at the Oakalls estate as part of the 2006/07 capital programme. This was included in the Section 106 schemes approved by Executive Cabinet in July 2005 and ratified at Council in September 2005.
- 3.2 At the time the capital programme was agreed the Council had received £40,000 from the developer under section 106 funding and this budget was apportioned to the scheme. However there was an additional payment of £25,000 that was outstanding.
- 3.3 Due to internal capacity issues within the department the 2006/07 budget was rolled over into the revised capital programme for this year as authorised by members in February.
- 3.4 Following ongoing discussion between the developer and the Council, we are now nearing a position to draw down the additional £25,000. As per the initial sum received this funding relates to the provision of play facilities in the local area under a section 106 agreement.
- 3.5 As part of the development of this scheme the Council has carried out an in depth consultation exercise with residents to establish the local requirements and

preferred locations for the facilities. It is apparent that the local expectation for play provision exceeds the current funding available (40K).

3.6 The reasons for this are:

- A desire to have a minimum of a least 2 play facilities due to the size of the development.
- The age ranges that the facilities need to be provided for, including teenage provision.
- Additional infrastructure requirements to support the play areas including bins, benches and improved access (pathways).

3.7 In light of this information and the knowledge in some areas that there is an additional payment of £25,000 outstanding. Members are being asked to give approval to increase the capital programme for the development to ensure that play areas installed met the local requirements as identified above and take account of future changes in demand.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The additional amount requested can be met from existing Section 106 agreement, once the funding has been received from the developers, with no workers orders will be placed until the funds are drawn down from the developer.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 The additional funding and enhanced play facilities will lead to a sense of community and well being and contribute to advancing the reputation and community influence of the Council.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The principal risk is that should the increased budget not be agreed, the play area provided will not meet the residents desires as expressed during the consultation and this will impact upon the Corporate Objective 02 Improvement and its priorities of customer service, reputation & performance.

7.2 A further risk associated with the project is should member not agree to the increased budget we will lose the flexibility with in the project to address residents needs and the economies of scale that can be gained from building two play facilities at one time.

7.3 Should the project be need to be delivered separately this will subject the area to two separate periods of disturbance from the building projects, specifically relating to ground works. This may impact on the Council reputation.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct customer service implications, other than those highlighted in the Risk Management section.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues: The award of the contract for this work will be via the frame work contract.
Personnel Implications: None
Governance/Performance Management: None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998: None
Policy Implementing Section 106 policies associated with Executive Cabinet decision in July 2005
Environmental: None
Equalities and Diversity: The proposal will ensure that all ages in the local area are provided for at one time.

10. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Acting Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

11. APPENDICES

No appendices

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Documentation surrounding Section 106 can be obtained regarding each project from the Legal and Democratic Services.

Oakalls Development – Residents consultation can be obtained from the Culture & Community Services department.

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