

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

1ST APRIL 2009

CAPITAL PROGRAMME INCREASE – SANDERS PARK TWIN MULTI USE GAMES AREAS

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingsworth
Responsible Head of Service	Deputy Head of Street Scene & Community
Non Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report requests members to agree to an increase in the Council's capital programme in relation to the above Park improvements and ball courts refurbishment/enhancements.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1.1 Request Full Council to approve a £80,000 increase to the 2009/10 Capital Programme to be funded from the County Youth Capital (Dabid) Fund in respect of two teenage ball court refurbishment/enhancement and Youth Shelter at the above site, as highlighted in section 4.1 of this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As elected members will be aware Bromsgrove District Council were instrumental in establishing the Worcestershire Play Partnership along with the County Council and the other five district authorities across Worcestershire. As part of the work of the partnership a County wide Play Strategy was produced along with a district level action plan to govern the development & delivery of the play services to ensure that they meet the partnerships priorities based on local need.
- 3.2 The structure, strategy and work of the group have been used by Play England as an example of best practice when working in a two tier authority setting. One of the benefits of the approach that has been adopted is that the partnership was invited to apply to the County Youth Capital Fund for play based activities across Worcestershire. The Partnership has been successful in linking the Youth Capital Fund and Playbuilder Fund in 2008/09 to offer improved positive activities for young people across the

County. The YCF was launched in March 2006 and the money aims to increase the number and range of places to go and things to do for young people.

- 3.4 The funding stream will run from April 2009 to March 2010. However in order to qualify for the grant funding each member of the Partnership had to demonstrate on-going full engagement of local young people in the planning process. The young people were then required to deliver a presentation, with appropriate support, to a selected, trained panel of young people from across the County who played an active role in deciding how this money is spent locally. The presentation had to cover key elements including sustainability, innovation and how the scheme would fit with the Every Child Matters Agenda.
- 3.5 Officers are now in the final stages of producing a details project plan outlining projected timescales to demonstrate completion by March 2010.
- 3.6 Members should also be aware that the Council submission was the only directly made local authority bid that was successful in this year bidding round.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Total cost of the project will be £80,000, which is based upon Twin MUGA proposal/improvements to the existing hard pad area, a Youth Shelter and also includes access link footpaths for DDA inclusion.
- 4.2 The cost of the project will be met from the County Youth Capital (Dabid) Fund for £80,000 to undertake the Twin MUGA's, Youth Shelter and access improvements.
- 4.3 All consultation, design and project management costs for this project will be met from existing resources.
- 4.4 All ongoing maintenance implications will be met from existing resources, with the on site replacement requirements being addressed as part of the Council forward capital plan. The life expectancy of the equipment on site is 10 to 15 years.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications contained with in this report as the installation will be covered by the Play Framework Contract which has vetted the contractors previously.

- 5.2 The funding agreement has been reviewed and does not give any cause for concern.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The overall site improvements and the play area refurbishment will contribute to the Sense of Community and Well Being objective by enhancing the current level of provision provided to residents, increasing access to the site and by promoting additional use of the Recreation Ground.
- 6.2 The site improvements will also allow additional activities be undertaken at the venue to promote the Sense of Community priority for example increased sports & arts development delivery on site to bring different generation together. This was again featured in the initial bid and was viewed as a strong area of the bid as there were direct links to the Council's Priorities but also the Play Strategies Outcomes of "Increased opportunity to access and enjoy play" and Increased Inclusive Play Opportunities.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risks associated with this project over and above the normal process for installing a new play area which are based in Health & Safety Legislation. These implications have been reviewed and scrutinised within the play frame work contract and an agreed approach developed in order to protect BDC's interests and to meet the funding criteria.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Increased quality of provision leading to higher customer satisfaction with the Council and its services.
- 8.2 Members should be aware that whilst the works are undertaken the play facilities and the site will be unavailable in order to complete the works. We will off course endeavour to minimise disruption and notify residents well in advance.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 During the consultation period officers will identify the needs of disabled and where possible the site will provide disabled access and facilities. In addition the site access arrangements will be enhanced to support such usage.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The installation will be undertaken within the Council's Play Framework contract and as such has already been reviewed and accepted as promoting VFM and the effective use of resources.

10.2 The enhanced facilities will also contribute to higher resident satisfaction out turns as highlighted in section 8.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – This project is covered by the play provision framework contract.
Personnel Implications - None
Governance/Performance Management - None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - None
Policy - None
Environmental - None

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	<u>Yes</u>
Executive Director (Services)	<u>Yes</u>
Assistant Chief Executive	<u>No</u>
Head of Service	<u>Yes</u>
Head of Financial Services	<u>Yes</u>
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	<u>Yes</u>
Head of Organisational Development & HR	<u>No</u>
Corporate Procurement Team	<u>No</u>

13. WARDS AFFECTED

St Johns

14. APPENDICES

None

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Worcestershire Play Strategy
Bromsgrove Play Action Plan
Youth Capital (Dabid) Fund – DCFS

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