

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF LIFELONG LEARNING**

SUBJECT: **PLAY PROVISION: CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To consult the committee about the report Play Provision: Children's Play Areas, which was considered by Cabinet on the 16th July 2013.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The report seeks to identify sustainable provision from April 2014 with reference to the maintenance and upgrading of children's play areas.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The report makes recommendations about the criteria which will be applied to ensure that investment is targeted where it is most needed.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 Consider the contents of the report and respond to Cabinet.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The strategy will be achieved within the existing revenue budget which for 2013/14 is £139,000.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 Children's play areas provide free access for all.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 The enhancement of children's play areas contributes to improvements in the local environment.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 The match-funding improvement scheme has, over the past four years, provided the opportunity to address DDA issues in children's

play areas.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Ongoing consultation with Town and Community Councils concerning future maintenance and upgrading of children's play areas.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 Consultation has taken place with all Town and Community Councils involved in upgrading as part of the match-funding scheme.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 **Appendix 1:** Play Provision : Children's Play Areas report
Appendix 2: Children's Play Areas upgraded between 2010/11 and 2013/14 via the County Council's Match- Funding Improvement Scheme

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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