

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 14 th March 2017
Report Subject	An outline plan for Play Area and All Weather Pitch Capital Expenditure
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Waste Strategy, Public Protection and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Officers (Organisational Change)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Fund Capital Programme was adopted by the Council at Full Council on 14th February. Included within the programme are allocations for play areas and synthetic sports pitches (all weather pitches).

When Cabinet discussed the report on play areas in January 2017 it was agreed to bring back an outline plan for capital expenditure early in this year.

This report provides that outline plan based on need and seeks cabinet approval to the plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To agree the outline plan for capital expenditure on play areas and all weather pitches as outlined in this report.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	BACKGROUND INFORMATION													
1.01	<p>The Council Fund Capital Programme has approved the following amounts for future expenditure on play areas and all weather pitches which is in addition to the £0.105 revenue per annum for play area match funding schemes.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 499 1367 723"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="304 499 517 600"></th> <th data-bbox="517 499 729 600">2017/18 £m</th> <th data-bbox="729 499 941 600">2018/19 £m</th> <th data-bbox="941 499 1153 600">2019/20 £m</th> <th data-bbox="1153 499 1367 600">Total £m</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="304 600 517 723">Play areas and synthetic sports pitches</td> <td data-bbox="517 600 729 723">0.487</td> <td data-bbox="729 600 941 723">0.200</td> <td data-bbox="941 600 1153 723">0.200</td> <td data-bbox="1153 600 1367 723">0.887</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	2019/20 £m	Total £m	Play areas and synthetic sports pitches	0.487	0.200	0.200	0.887
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1.02	<p>The Council has a number of All Weather sports pitches in the County that are in need of significant investment. Those at Mold Alun and Hawarden are both over 10 years old and are the highest priority to replace. The six pitches at Deeside Leisure Centre are 7 years old, receive significant use and generate significant income (£0.120m per annum). Their original anticipated lifespan and payback period for investment was 7 years so a replacement programme is needed.</p>													
1.03	<p>In 2010 the Council commissioned the carrying out of an independent play survey for our play areas and this has been annually updated by the play team using the same criteria. This places the play areas in either a red, amber or green rating. It is proposed that the aim with the capital funding available is to upgrade those that are currently red to an amber rating and start with those that are of the most urgent priority first. The proposal would be to carry out works in 2017/18 to the following areas and value which would ensure the play areas are no longer rated red.</p> <p>Min Awel, Flint £0.025m Ffynnongroyw £0.025m Dee View Road, Connahs Quay £0.025m Bron y Wern, Bagillt £0.025m</p> <p>A priority for year 2 and 3 would be the play area at Bailey Hill which is a red rate play area and is being considered as part of a wider Heritage Lottery Fund development scheme, although this scheme is not eligible to fund the play area.</p> <p>The remaining priorities for year 2 and 3 would be the other red rated play areas which include:</p> <p>Salisbury Street, Shotton Primrose Street, Connahs Quay Leadbrook Drive, Flint High Street, Caergwrle</p>													

	<p>Maes y Dre, Mold Pen Lon, Bagillt Holway, Holywell Broadoak Recreation Ground, Connaahs Quay Tan y Felin, Greenfield Maes yr Oden, Holywell Pheonix Street, Sandycroft Prince of Wales, Buckley Coed Mor, Penyffordd near Holywell Fford Pentre, Mold Bryn Mawr, Holywell</p>
1.04	<p>Based on the needs and priorities outlined in this report it is proposed that subject to final costings the initial programme that is considered feasible is as follows:</p> <p>2017/18 Mold Alun High School All Weather Pitch Hawarden High School All Weather Pitch Deeside Leisure Centre All Weather Pitches 1 and 2 Bron Y Wern, Bagillt Min Awel Play Area, Flint Ffynnongroyw Play Area Dee View Road Play Area, Connaahs Quay</p> <p>This would leave the remaining All Weather Pitches and Play Areas identified in this report as priorities for years 2 and 3 with agreement of a final plan each year being brought back to Cabinet.</p> <p>The play area match funding scheme would aim to support any red rated play areas that cannot be afforded within the overall scheme or if all can be afforded will then support the improvement of amber rated play areas.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	Costs identified would be met within the capital programme.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	Communication will take place with Town and Community Council's once the programme has been agreed.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	That costs increase and all schemes cannot be achieved – Schemes will be carried out in order of priority and the play area match funding scheme will help address those play areas that cannot be afforded within the capital allocation.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>None</p> <p>Contact Officers: Ian Bancroft / Neal Cockerton Telephone: 01352 704511 E-mail: ian.bancroft@flintshire.gov.uk / neal.cockerton@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	<p>Play Survey – An annual assessment of the condition of play areas.</p> <p>All Weather Pitch – The general classification for a range of synthetic sports pitches including astro turf and 3G pitches.</p>