

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
Cabinet Member

REF No: 165/24

A1 Service Area	Regeneration and Development
A2 Title	Allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Fund capital to a Play Area Improvement Project under the Ward Enhancement Programme
A3 Decision Taken By	Cabinet Member
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Thomas Deery Please sign name: (Approval via email 30/05/2024)
A5 Cabinet Member	Please print name: Cllr R Hawkins Please sign name: (Approval via email 31/05/2024)
A6 Date of Decision	31 st May 2024

Confidential or Exempt Information

A7 Does this decision contain Confidential Information?	No
A7.1 Does this Decision contain Exempt Information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.2 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	N/a

Conflict of Interest

Are there any conflicts of interest to declare? No

(If “Yes” please contact the Chief Executive before making the Decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

Scrutiny/Audit

A8 Which Committee should this decision be submitted to? (*Please tick as appropriate*)

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee

Scrutiny (Regeneration Development and Market Hall) Committee X

Scrutiny (Health and Wellbeing) Committee

Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee

Audit Committee

B1 What is the Decision?	To allocate £435, 000 of UKSPF monies from the Ward Enhancement Programme to a Play Area Improvement Project for delivery during 2024/25
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<p>B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?</p> <p>B2 Alternative options considered and rejected?</p>	<p>The 2024/25 Corporate Plan identified a target to approve a Play Area Improve Project through the UKSPF to deliver one improvement per each of the 16 Wards in the Borough. As part of this, a figure of £251,746.26 was identified from the second year of the Ward Enhancement Programme (initial budget of £850,000).</p> <p>During the first year of the Ward Enhancement Programme in 2023/24, the Council awarded £366,746.26 from the £550,000 capital budget, leaving £183,253.74. As such, it is proposed that the 23/24 underspend and the £251,746.26 are confirmed as the project budget for the Play Area Improvement Project during 2024/25. The resulting project budgets for 24/25 would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Area Improvement Project: £435, 000 • Ward Enhancement Programme Round 2: £595,000 <p>As a result of this new initiative, the second round of the Ward Enhancement Programme will not consider applications relating to play areas. The Play Area Improvement Project is separate to the Covid Outbreak Management Fund monies available for two play areas in the Borough, however it is intended to complement this scheme.</p> <p>With regards applying the project funding, the Council will prioritise its own play areas initially for improvement, but will also consider supporting existing Parish Council projects instead, if more appropriate, to ensure long term sustainability.</p> <p>There are existing Borough Council play areas in 15 of the 16 Wards, which may be appropriate for targeting improvements. Two of these will be funded from COMF funding (Heath and Shobnall) leaving 14 wards to be funded from this scheme under the Ward Enhancement Programme. The Crown ward does not have an existing Council play area, so it is considered more appropriate for a new play area to be created, which will require further investigation and would be subject to a funding bid in the next year's budget setting process, for delivery in 2025/26, if approved. To facilitate this, it is proposed that £10,000 will be allocated from the WEP funding towards the development of this proposal.</p> <p>The 14 play areas will be funded from WEP as follows and on the basis of the existing prioritisation identified in the WEP criteria:</p>
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Category	Ward	Allocation
A	Anglesey	£50,000
	Burton & Eton	£50,000
	Stapenhill	£50,000
B	Branston	£33,000
	Horninglow & Outwoods	£33,000
	Stretton	£33,000
	Town	£33,000
	Winshill	£33,000
C	Bagots & Needwood	£22,000
	Blythe	£22,000
	Brizlincote	£22,000
	Crown	£10,000
	Dove	£22,000
	Stramshall & Weaver	£22,000

This initial funding allocation does not account for any 'top-slicing' that may be required for overall, general project costs (such as permissions), however there are also UKSPF revenue monies available for project support.

In terms of alternative options considered, the potential of utilising other Council funding was considered for this project, however it remained prudent to apply the time-limited UKSPF monies instead, which are already allocated towards the improvement of community infrastructure.

B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?

This project contributes towards the 'Standing up for our Communities' priority and specifically Corporate Plan target COM19.

B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.
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Financial Implications

B5 What are the financial implications?	<p>The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:</p> <p>The capital funding for the project is taken from the UKSPF Ward Enhancement Programme funding and so does not require any additional capital funding.</p> <p>There may be a requirement for additional revenue funding for the ongoing maintenance of new equipment, however it is proposed that this is considered and incorporated into the 2025/26 budget, if required.</p>
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Revenue	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Additional potential play area management	-	-	TBC

Capital	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Play Area Improvement Project (taken from UKSPF as part of WEP budget)		£435, 000	

The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	<p>Please print name: James Hopwood</p> <p>Please sign name: (Approval via email 30/05/2024)</p>
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): There is an opportunity through this project to create/install more inclusive and accessible play equipment in some of the Council's play areas.
B8.2 Negative (Threats): If accessible equipment isn't properly assessed during the procurement process, then there may be a missed opportunity from a equalities perspective.
B8.3 The subject of this decision is a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment will be completed as part of the tender award for the works, with the supplier.
B8.4 [The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out:]

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The opportunity to utilise time-limited funding in a meaningful way for communities across the Borough.
B9.2 Negative (Threats): That the funding isn't spent within the UKSPF timeframe.
B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above. A project specific risk register will be created with the supplier.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:

B10.1 The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows:

Land ownership, access, rights and similar obligations (including planning and procurement) will be assessed for each location ahead of project commencement. Full and detailed Legal Implications will be included in each individual EDR.

This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team

Please print name: Glen McCusker – Locum Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

Please sign name: (Approval via email 28/05/2024)

Environmental Impacts

B11 What are the Environmental Impacts:

Consider impacts related to the Climate Change & Nature Strategy aims:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (climate change mitigation)
- Preparing for future climate change (adaptation)
- Protecting and enhancing nature
- Using resources wisely and minimising waste and pollution

B11.1 The impacts are **not significant** and are set out below without enhanced consideration by the Council's Climate Change and Adaptation Officers.

(note – a **significant** impact will likely result from any project, policy, procurement exercise or service change that has a direct or indirect effect on energy or fuel use, water use, land use, other physical resource use, waste generation, pollution, regeneration or construction – If unsure contact the Council's Climate Change and Adaptation Officers.)

B11.2 Positive Impacts (Opportunities/Benefits): There is an opportunity to consider positive climate impacts as part of the works at play areas, which will be reviewed through the tender process.

B11.3 Negative Impacts (Threats/Mitigation): Mobilisation across the Borough may have a negative, temporary, climate impact during to vehicular movements.

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:

B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision. Please see B9.3.

B12.2 [The significant hazards and risks have been identified in the Safety Media Risk Assessment numbered []. Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.]

B12.3 [Control measures and an action plan have been identified for any significant hazards and risks identified in the risk assessment. The positive/negative impacts are set out below]

B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits)

B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? Yes

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	No
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	NA

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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