



Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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Capital Project – Additional playground equipment Memorial Park, Fleetwood

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the installation of new play equipment on Memorial Park Fleetwood using monies secured by The Friends of Memorial Park and for the scheme to be added to the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Collaboration with residents and local stakeholders to support and maximise opportunities for improving health and wellbeing across our communities.
- 2.2 We will work with residents to plan, protect and enhance the quality of our neighbourhoods and environment.
- 2.3 To deliver play opportunities to provide diversionary activities for children to help reduce opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Council's 2023/24 Capital Programme be amended to include additional playground equipment on Memorial Park using £20,050 of funding provided by The Friends of Memorial Park.
- 3.2 To accept the donation of £20,050 from The Friends Group to enhance the current play offer on Memorial Park, Fleetwood.
- 3.3 That the Council will act as lead project manager to procure and oversee the works.

- 3.4** That the Council's annual maintenance and inspection programme for children's playgrounds include this new pendulum rope swing and its future upkeep can be met from within existing revenue budgets.

4. Background

- 4.1** The Friends of Memorial Park are both pivotal and successful at fundraising the ongoing improvements to the playground on Memorial Park.
- 4.2** In 2016 Memorial Park was awarded £2.4 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the site for the community.
- 4.3** Since the major restoration works the group have continued with the momentum to develop the playground offer on site. In the spring of 2021 phase 1 of the project costing £36,500 was completed. This was funded from The Friends Group (£4,212), external funding from The Lancashire Environmental Fund grant (£29,500) and (£2,788) from the Capital programme's Playground Improvement Allocation.
- 4.4** This phase 2 of the project is the next progression of the playground improvements following on from the consultation and 83.61% of 183 responses selected the type of equipment to be provided through these proposals.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The council administer and oversee the installation of the new equipment.
- 5.2** The council accept the donation (£20,050) from The Friends Group and incorporate the project within the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 5.3** The existing inspection and maintenance regime for the play facility on Memorial Park can incorporate this new swing unit, and it is anticipated that its modest working parts will have minimal impact on the existing parks and open spaces budget.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Street Scene Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To consider matters relating to parks, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and allotments."

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The cost of this new playground equipment at Memorial Park is expected to be £20,050. This is to be funded by the Friends of Memorial Park from a cost of living grant (£15,000) and other monies raised by the friends group (£5,050). Ongoing revenue costs will be met from within existing parks and open spaces budgets.
Legal	A formal agreement with the supplier(s) will be entered into and the contract(s) for goods, works or services to deliver the scheme will comply with the Council's Financial and contract Procurement rules.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	✓
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

Processing Personal Data

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

None