



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

Key decision: No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To seek approval for the installation of additional play equipment on Memorial Park, Fleetwood using monies secured by The Friends of Memorial Park and for the scheme to be added to the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

2. Council priorities

2.1 Place and climate - A cleaner, greener and more sustainable place.

2.2 People and communities – Residents live happier, healthier and safer lives.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That approval is given to accept the donation of £7,879 from The Friends of Memorial Park to enhance the current play offer on site.

3.2 That the Council's 2024/25 Capital Programme be amended to include the addition of new equipment to the playground on Memorial Park, Fleetwood.

3.3 To grant approval for the council to act as lead project manager for the project, including administering the funding, procuring equipment and overseeing the installation and of equipment.

- 3.4** That approval is given to amend the council's annual maintenance and inspection programme for children's playgrounds to include this new equipment and manage future upkeep within existing revenue budgets.

4. Background

- 4.1** The Friends of Memorial Park have had previous success in securing funding to ensure 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. Since the major restoration works the group have continued their fundraising efforts to further improve the play offer on site.
- 4.3** In spring 2021 phase 1 of the improvement project was completed at a cost of £43,500, with phase 2 in the summer of 2023, resulting in a further £16,159 investment in the playground.
- 4.4** This project represents phase 3 of the overall scheme to deliver playground improvements at Memorial Park with the installation of a double seated rocking seesaw. This new play item is designed to stimulate users physically, cognitively and socially; it accommodates both sitting and lying positions for users with disabilities and provides a shared space for carers to support users and network with other carers.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The council will administer and oversee the installation of the new equipment.
- 5.2** The council will accept the donation (£7,879) from The Friends of Memorial Park and incorporate this project within the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 5.3** The annual maintenance and inspection programme for children's playgrounds will be updated to include this new seesaw; it is anticipated that ongoing repair and maintenance works will have negligible impact on the existing parks and open spaces revenue budget.

6. Alternative options considered and rejected

- 6.1** An options appraisal and onsite assessments were undertaken in conjunction with the Friends of Memorial Park to determine the most suitable and cost-effective solution for the playground and the recommendations in this report reflect this piece of work.

7. Delegated functions

7.1 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, Legal/MO and Climate Change implications	
Finance	The cost of this new playground equipment at Memorial Park is expected to be £7,879. This is to be funded by the Friends of Memorial Park from a grant (£5,000 from the Fleetwood Men's Sheds Beehive Project) and other monies raised by the friends' group (£2,879). Ongoing revenue costs will be met from within existing parks and open spaces budgets.
Legal/MO	A formal agreement with the supplier will be entered into and the contract for goods, works or services to deliver the scheme will comply with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.
Climate Change	This project has an overall positive climate impact, any negative implications such as the production and installation of the new equipment will be mitigated by the fabric of the equipment (up to 50% recycled materials used), that the equipment can be recycled at the end of its life and that the play equipment can help to encourage people to get outdoors which promotes healthy living and active travel.

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
health and safety	X

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	X
ICT	X
data protection	X

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
N/A		

List of appendices

None