



Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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Capital Project – Refurbishment of Children’s Playground on Jean Stansfield Memorial Park
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval to deliver the final phase of the refurbishment of the playground on Jean Stansfield Memorial Park, Poulton using unallocated monies from the Council’s 2018/19 Capital Programme and Performance Reward Initiatives (PRI) Reserve as well as grants secured by and a donation from the Friends of Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Improved playground facility for children and young people with more opportunities for improved health and wellbeing.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Council’s 2018/19 Capital Programme be amended to include improvements to the playground on Jean Stansfield Memorial Park using a donation of £22,817 from the Friends of Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park, a grant of £30,000 secured by the group from the Lancashire Environment Fund and any grant awarded under the Tesco Bags for Life scheme expected to be between £1,000 and £4,000.
- 3.2 That the Council act as accountable body for the grant awarded by the Lancashire Environment Fund to the Friends of Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park and any grant awarded under the Tesco Bags for Life scheme referred to at 3.1.

- 3.3** That the Council allocate £3,300 of the 2018/19 Capital Budget for playground refurbishment to the playground improvement works as the contribution to the landfill operator in order to release the Lancashire Environment Fund grant.
- 3.4** In addition the Council allocate a maximum of £7,683 of the 2018/19 Capital Budget for playground refurbishment at Vicarage Park, with £2,957 of the total £10,983 maximum contribution being a transfer from the PRI Reserve.

4. Background

- 4.1** At the Cabinet meeting held on the 10th December 2007 the Wyre Play Strategy was adopted which included a study of all play facilities within Wyre to help guide future provision and investment at sites such as Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park.
- 4.2** Since 2013 the group have been successful in securing £144,736 to fund a phased refurbishment of the playground on Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park.
- 4.3** The final phase is estimated at £63,800 and the work will include the installation of play equipment and safety surfacing to replace existing.
- 4.4** The Council's Capital Programme for 2018/19 contains an unallocated sum of £36,688 for playground refurbishment.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** To accept the donation from the Friends of Jean Stansfield/Vicarage Park and act as accountable body for grants from the Lancashire Environment Fund and Tesco Bags for Life scheme.
- 5.2** The friends group are awaiting the results of funding from the Tesco Bags for life grant which will be between £1,000 and £4,000 and is expected to be confirmed in September 2018. If funding is confirmed then the council's contribution will be reduced accordingly and reallocated to other playground scheme/s.

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 works are estimated to cost £63,800 funded from the Friends Group donation (£22,817), Lancashire Environment Fund grant (£30,000), the Council's PRI Reserve (£2,957) and the unallocated Capital Budget (£8,026)_for playground refurbishment. Any monies awarded by the Tesco Bags for Life scheme will reduce the council's capital contribution from the unallocated playground refurbishment allocation.
Legal	The contract(s) for goods, works or services to deliver the improvements will comply with the Council's Financial and Contract Procedure rules and if applicable the European procurement regulations.

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 an 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
data protection	x

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

List of appendices

None