



Portfolio Holder Report

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| Report of: | Portfolio Holder | Date of publication |
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| Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places | Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder | 14 February 2019 |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Refurbishment of an existing children's playground at Mariners Close, Fleetwood and the installation of new exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field, Fleetwood</p> |
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the refurbishment of a playground at Mariners Close, Fleetwood using a donation and external funding secured by The Friends of Mariners Close group in Fleetwood.
- 1.2 To seek approval to install exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field, Fleetwood using funding from the Healthier Fleetwood Project.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 We will improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.
- 2.2 We will promote a cleaner and greener Wyre.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the council implement the refurbishment of an existing playground at Mariners Close, Fleetwood utilising external funding.
- 3.2 That the council install exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field as one of the Healthier Fleetwood Projects.
- 3.3 That the council's 2018/19 Capital Programme be amended to include improvements to the playground on Mariners Close using a donation of £2,800 from the various fundraising activities undertaken by The Friends of Mariners Close group and a grant of £10,000 secured by the group from The National Lottery Awards for All.

- 3.4 To act as accountable body on behalf of the group for the grant from The National Lottery Awards for All.
- 3.5 That the council's 2018/19 Capital Programme also be amended to include the installation of exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field using the sum of £5,000 allocated from the Healthier Fleetwood Project.

4. Background

- 4.1 At the Cabinet meeting held on 10 December 2007 Cabinet approved and adopted the Wyre Play Strategy which recommended the Council should provide fewer but larger play areas with the potential to attract users from a wider catchment area.
- 4.2 In October 2015 a decision was made to remove the playground on Mariners Close at a cost of £7,000 in the Capital Programme. It was also agreed to investigate external funding for alternative play at King George V Playing Field.
- 4.3 To progress the aspirations of local residents it is now proposed to deliver two schemes using external funding: firstly replacing play equipment at Mariners Close and secondly installing exercise equipment at King George V Playing Field. On-going maintenance will be funded from within existing resources.
- 4.4 Local residents formed The Friends of Mariners Close Park in July 2017. They have hosted various fund raising activities and applied for grant funding for new equipment, demonstrating local support for a replacement facility on the footprint of the existing play area.
- 4.5 Consultation was undertaken with users and the public regarding the installation of exercise equipment and the results have demonstrated strong support for the new concept.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1 To accept the donation from The Friends Of Mariners Close group and the funding from Healthier Fleetwood Project.
- 5.2 To replace play equipment on Mariners Close, install exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field and to include the maintenance and management of the two sites within our existing resources.
- 5.3 That approval is given to authorise the Service Director, People and Places to appoint contractor(s) and supplier(s) and to deliver the refurbishment and installation work in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.

6. Delegated functions

- 6.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the 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 | |
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| Finance | The refurbishment of Mariners Close playground would have a total expenditure of £12,800. This would be funded from £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for All and a £2,800 donation from the Friends of Mariners Close group. £6,863 is allocated towards the removal of the existing equipment, safer surfacing and fencing from the 2018/19 Capital Budget and this will still be required. The installation of exercise equipment on King George V Playing Field to be met from the £5,000 allocated from the Healthier Fleetwood Project. |
| Legal | The contract(s) for goods and works to deliver the improvements will comply with the Council's Financial and Contract Procedure 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 an x.

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

| risks/implications | ✓ / x |
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| 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: | | |
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| name of document | date | where available for inspection |
| none | | |

List of appendices

None

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