**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 & THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

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| SUBJECT OF DECISIONConfirmation of the costs for refurbished play areas at New Road Recreation Ground and Sherbourne Avenue Recreation Ground. |
| DECISIONREFERENCEDO/143/2024 (KMB) | SOURCE OF AUTHORITYAND REFERENCE (i.e. Committee/Constitution/Minute No. etc.Cabinet minute CB108F (General Fund) |
| DATE OF DECISION26/01/2024 | DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)Katie Memetovic-ByeAssistant Director – Recreation and CultureText  Description automatically generated |
| RECORD OF THE DECISIONa) The issueNBBC has committed to spending £245k of year 2 UKSPF funding in 2023/24. Tenders for the two play areas have been received and evaluated. b) The DecisionTo sign contracts with the winning tenderers for Sherbourne Avenue and New Road play areas. Both play area contracts have been awarded to the wining companies through a competitive tender process, following the NBBC procurement rules. |
| REASON FOR THE DECISIONTo award the play area refurbishment contracts and enable the winning contractors to start manufacturing the equipment, ready for installation in early spring 2024. This follows the successful external funding received through UKSPF and as per Cabinet Minute CB108F |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISIONDo nothing, leaving NBBC with two play areas not fit for purpose. The emerging Parks and Green Space Strategy states that both play areas are vital to the provision of accessible, quality play spaces but at present low quality. Doing nothing would also leave UKSPF year 2 funding unspent, with the potential to have to return the allocated funding. |
| WARD RELEVANCENew Road – ExhallSherbourne Ave – Galley Common |
| FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONSPlay refurbishment, using the UKSPF and identified budgets will deliver these projects. |
| CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERSPortfolio holder for Public Services (Cllr Julian Gutteridge), manager of Parks and Green Spaces and ward members (Cllr Damon Brown, Cllr Lee Downs, Cllr Mandy Tromans and Cllr Samuel Croft |
| ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTEDNone |
| IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).None. |
| EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)Refurbishing the New Road and Sherbourne play areas will provide up to date, quality play provision in these two public open spaces. The play areas have been designed with accessibility in mind, with elements suitable for children with reduced mobility. Surfaced paths will be installed to enable wheelchairs and pushchairs to safely access the play areas.Equality Impact Assessments have been carried out for both developments. |
| HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONSNone |
| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONSDelivery of both the New Road and Sherbourne play areas will be funded entirely through UKSPF Yr 2 capital funding. Maintenance of the new play areas will be within existing play area maintenance revenue budgets. New Road Play area £49,625.00Sherbourne Play area £77,384.39 |
| HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONSThe improvement / refurbishment of these sites will increase usage and provide a facility fit for purpose and encourage more movement and physical activity from local residents / young people. This has an overall impact of health and well-being both physically and mentally. Both site developments have been assessed using the Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT) to help implement Health in All Policies (HiAP). |
| SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONSNone |
| RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONSNBBC has a duty to maintain our public open spaces in a safe condition. Both Sherbourne Avenue and New Road have been highlighted in the emerging Green Space Strategy as low quality and play value and are circa 25 years old.Delivery of the sites will be kept to the agreed budgets, detailed above. The contractors will provide all the necessary SSOF / RA’s and will be project managed by the NBBC Parks team. |
| SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONSNo specific SME and local economy implications |
| ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONSAs part of the refurbishment a number of trees will be planted at Sherbourne to enhance biodiversity. Where possible excavated material will be retained on site. Do we know how many?  |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONSNone |
| ANY OTHER COMMENTSNone |

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