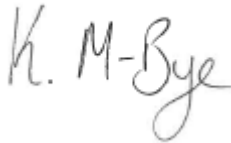


**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u> Confirmation of the costs for refurbished play areas at Marlborough Road Recreation Ground, Sorrell Road Recreation Ground, and Attleborough Recreation Ground.	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u> DO/54/2024 (KM)	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/ Constitution/Minute No. etc. Cabinet minute CB108F (General Fund)
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u> 20/11/2024	<u>DECISION MAKER</u> (Name and Job Title) Katie Memetovic-Bye Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture 
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> a) The issue NBBC has committed to spending £375k of year 3 UKSPF funding in 2024/25 plus £100k of external Big Lottery funding (Hill Top and Caldwell) and up to £50k of internal capital spend (as required, and previously approved). Tenders for the three play areas have been received and evaluated. b) The Decision To sign contracts with the winning tenderers for Marlborough, Sorrell and Attleborough play areas. All play area contracts have been awarded to the winning companies through a competitive tender process, following the NBBC procurement rules.	
<u>REASON FOR THE DECISION</u> To award the play area refurbishment contracts and enable the winning contractors to start manufacturing the equipment, ready for installation in early spring 2025. This follows the successful external funding received through UKSPF and as per Cabinet Minute CB108F	
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u> Do nothing, leaving NBBC with three 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 3 funding unspent, with the potential to have to return the allocated funding.	

<p><u>WARD RELEVANCE</u> Marlborough Road Rec – Chilvers Coton Sorrell Road Rec – Chilvers Coton Attleborough Rec - Attleborough</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Play refurbishment, using the UKSPF and identified budgets will deliver these projects.</p>
<p><u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u> Portfolio holder for Public Services (Cllr Tim Jenkins), manager of Parks and Green Spaces and ward members (Cllr Caroline Phillips, Cllr Steve Hey, Cllr Tony Venson and Cllr Tracy Sheppard).</p>
<p><u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u> None</p>
<p><u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).</p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u> None</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u> Delivery of the Marlborough Road, Sorrell Road and Attleborough play areas will be funded entirely through UKSPF Yr 3, HTC Big Lottery (Sorrell), and budgeted internal capital funding (Attleborough). Maintenance of the new play areas will be within existing play area maintenance revenue budgets. Marlborough Road £110k Sorrell Road £108k (play equipment) + £110k (fencing and footpaths) Attleborough £126k</p>
<p><u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The 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. All site developments have been assessed using the Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT) to help implement Health in All Policies (HiAP).</p>

SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Improved Play facilities and accessibility to parks and green open space to residents of the Borough support improved outcomes for crime and disorder, whereby opportunities are taken up by young people in particular instead of other less desirable activities.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

NBBC has a duty to maintain our public open spaces in a safe condition. Marlborough Avenue, Sorrell Road and Attleborough 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 IMPLICATIONS

No specific SME and local economy implications

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of the refurbishment a number of trees will be planted at each site to enhance biodiversity. Where possible excavated material will be retained on site.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Any legal matters during the process will be lead via the Council legal team and the Council's Contract procedures Rules (CPR's) has been followed.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

None

PLEASE RETURN TO THE DIRECTOR – PLANNING & REGULATION AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER