



## **FULL COUNCIL REPORT**

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*To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Playground Refurbishment 2021-22**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The Council manages 52 fixed play areas throughout the County Borough. Many of these facilities are coming to the end of their useful life and as such capital funding of £280,000 has been set aside for this financial year.
- 1.2 An assessment of all 52 sites has been undertaken and based on their condition, 4 sites have been chosen for refurbishment this financial year.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION that**

- 2.1 The 4 sites selected for refurbishment this financial year, be approved.

### **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council manages 52 fixed play areas throughout the County Borough. Many of these facilities are coming to the end of their useful life and as such capital funding of £280,000 has been set aside for this financial year. To provide a facility to the local equipped area for play (LEAP) standard, a cost of £70,000 per site has been estimated. This will allow 4 sites to be refurbished this financial year.
- 3.2 Selection of sites. In addition to the regular inspections carried out by Council officers, all the fixed play areas receive an annual independent inspection. As part of this inspection an estimate of the remaining lifespan is given. This information has been used together with council officer input to prioritise the four sites.

3.3 Sites chosen. From the information contained in the annual report and from assessing other factors such as repairs required, age, condition, realistic lifespan and play value, the following four sites have been chosen as the top priorities.

3.4 The four sites.

- Cefn Coed (Charlie’s Park);
- Twyn Carmel;
- Lewis Street, Bedlinog; and
- Glantaff Road.

The Current list of play areas including the four sites chosen is attached as Appendix 1.

## 4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A capital sum of £280,000 has been allocated to the project for this financial year. No additional revenue spend is required at this time.

## 5.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral/Not Applicable	
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	3 of 4	0 of 4	1 of 4	
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	5 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5	
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	1 of 10	0 of 10	9 of 10	
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	3 of 6	0 of 6	3 of 6	
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required	
	1 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1	
6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No	
	1 of 1		0 of 1	
7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced	Neutral/Not Applicable
	0 of 1	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1

<b>Summary</b>	
<b>The main positive impacts are:</b>	Safer public open spaces (playgrounds), the council is protected from litigation.
<b>The main negative impacts are:</b>	None identified.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
<b>Title of Document(s)</b>	<b>Document(s) Date</b>	<b>Document Location</b>
None		
<b>Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?</b>		No

***Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.***