

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 19 January 2016

**Decision No:** (CAB 15/16 16201)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON COMMON PLAY AREA
AUTHOR:	NICK YEATS

### THE DECISION

- (i) To undertake a consultation for the design of the proposed Play Area at Southampton Common;
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director, Place following consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to do anything necessary to progress the delivery of the Play Area at Southampton Common, including but not limited to entering into contracts for goods and services, obtaining consents and permissions and any other ancillary or related matters; and
- (iii) To approve the addition of up to £500,000 to the Environment & Transport (City Services) Capital Programme for the Southampton Common Play Area scheme, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, subject to the allocation of funding in the Capital Strategy to be approved by Council in February 2016.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This is a key decision and before we can enter into a contract with a play area design and consultation expert a Cabinet decision is required to progress the project.
2. Once the design phase is over, an application under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 and a planning application will be required before the play area can be delivered. If permission is granted then authorisation to progress the project is being requested.
3. Until the final designs have been priced it is not possible to provide an accurate figure for the total cost of the play area, the working budget is £500,000, but this may need to be adjusted once the designs are complete. If variation of the project budget is required this will be progressed under Finance Procedure Rules in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

## DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

**Option 1** - Use existing Section 106 developer contributions (circa £100,000) to provide a new play area adjacent to the Paddling pool.

This would give a reasonable sized play area with moderate play value. It would be an improvement on the existing, but would fall short of providing a City wide facility of which it is an aspiration to provide for the Common. The play area would incorporate the two trees in this area for shade. The play area cost would include fencing.

**Option 2** - Spend circa £300,000 on the project and move the play facility next to the paddling pool area.

This option would leave the paddling pool where it is, still under the management of Places for People (PfP) / Active Nation. The play area would move to the grass area to the east of the paddling pool. The play facility would be designed to accommodate the two trees and could include a moderate tree house in the design.

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

## CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 19 January 2015

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

## SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 clear days (as set out in the Constitution) from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>
Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>