

## **Appendix D.**

### **Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF004/T2**

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Cefn Yr Allt play area in Aberdulais.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services.'

The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic and challenging play equipment to replace items that have been deemed by a recent RoSPA inspection to be time expired. New apparatus will include an Inclusive Dish Roundabout for children with limiting mobility, a Springer, a new see saw and a new Play Zone replacing the 'Tropica' Multi play unit that is corroded. All new equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing or wet pour to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. The new apparatus to receive a Post Installation Inspection by an independent Service Engineer to ensure all work is safe and fit for purpose before inviting public use.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents as the play area has not received investment for many years and is considered now to be 'tired'. The site is a difficult site to access but the Play Company quoting for the refurbishment work have factored that in

The Cefn Yr Allt play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for the growing number of young families in the village, a place to play but also to socialise. The play provision at Cefn Yr Allt has been historically poor with young mothers with children walking to Cilfrew, Cadoxton or Ynysygerwn Crescent to avail themselves of adequate play facilities. This could be corrected with this investment placing the amenities on their doorstep as a Locally Equipped Area for Play (a LAP).

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as it comes within the existing maintenance and inspection regime of 'Street Scene' and Environmental Services. There will be less maintenance in the short term with new play equipment benefiting from 5 and 10 year warranties on structural failure,

## **Recommendations**

The project is valued at £25,448, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment .The Applicant, Councillor Doreen Jones, would wish to fund this project using the whole of her Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Aberdulais. £15,000 has been allocated to this project from the Environment Street Scene replacement playground equipment Capital programme. The £448 funding shortfall will be provided from the PDFU 'Enabling Fund'.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.