

Appendix F.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF006/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus at the Mount Pleasant Play Area, Neath South.

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

The proposal is to improve the existing play facilities at Mount Pleasant by installing two additional pieces of play apparatus; a 'Spiro-Whirl' roundabout and a 'Mini Swing' with inclusive basket seat. The quotation received from a reputable play company also includes for the requisite impact-absorbing safety surfacing.

The play area is located in one of the more deprived areas of Neath South. Representation has been made to the local Ward Members that the play area is basic, lacks variety and does not cater to the high volume of activity it receives, particularly during the summer months. The two additional items of equipment will improve play value, make good use of the existing vacant space, and fill identified gaps in provision for apparatus that encourages spinning/rotating and swinging.

The new play equipment will be of robust construction. It conforms to the relevant British and European standards i.e. steel components to EN 10087:1998, polyester powder paint to EN 13438:2005. The fixings are anti-vandal and corrosion resistant. Due to this there should not be any issues in terms of repair/replacement for the length of the warranty period. The equipment will receive a Post Installation Inspection by an independent Service Engineer, to ensure it is safe and fit for purpose before inviting public use.

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.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £12,994.15, which is the full cost of manufacturing and installing the new play equipment. Councillor

Peter Rees, and Councillor Jamie Evans, would wish to fund this project using all and part of their Members Fund allocations, with Cllr Rees committing £10,000, and Cllr Evans contributing the remaining £2,994.15.

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