

Appendix P.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF025/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Bishop's Mead play area in Cathedral Way, Aberafan.

This bid has been developed as part of a more complex project requiring the input of the PDFU to hasten its delivery.

The funding will be used to procure and install new age appropriate play equipment to add to and enhance existing. New apparatus will include an Inclusive Springer, a rotator, a see-saw, two way Springer and play panels. Existing equipment to be repainted to leave the impression that all equipment has been renewed. All new equipment to be protected by 30mm and 40 mm 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. The play area has not received investment for many years and is considered now to be 'tired'. There is scope to add new toddler play equipment and furniture to allow parents and grandparents to sit, linger and socialise with others in a safe outdoor environment.

The Cathedral Way play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for the growing number of young families in the Estate, a place to play but also to get to know your neighbour. This investment will place amenities on the doorstep, within easy walking distance, and reinforce the Bishop's Mead provision as a Locally Equipped Area for Play (a 'LEAP').

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 £18,146.00, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Stephanie Lynch, would wish to fund this project using the whole of her Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Aberafan. £1,500.00 has been allocated to this project from the 'Environment & Street Scene' replacement playground equipment Capital programme. The £6,646.00 funding shortfall will be met from a Section 106 Planning Gain Community Contribution and the Unilateral Undertaking for Pendarvis Terrace, Port Talbot (P2013/1043).

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