

Appendix K.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF040/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Heol Glynderwen play area in Bryncoch.

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

The funding will be used to procure and install new toddler and junior play equipment to replace items that are time expired, that have been lost over time and have deteriorated. New apparatus will include a Fly Wheel roundabout, a ground trampoline, a see-saw, an inclusive Springer, four play panels and ground graphics. The project also involves the repair of rubber crumb safety surfacing. New equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing or wet pour to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. The area will be weed killed and brought back into a more usable condition as a result of refurbishment, renewal and repair. Existing fence lines will be re-positioned and 17 metres of new fence line added so that the play area can be extended and return to its original footprint. Redundant play spaces will be brought back into use.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. 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 Locally Equipped Area for Play (a LEAP) for the densely populated area within Bryncoch and Waunceirch. This play area has been identified as a priority under the Playground Capital Finance Allocation managed by 'Environment & Street Scene'.

The Heol Glynderwen play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for young families in the area, a place to play but also to socialise. The play provision at Heol Glynderwen has suffered from the austerity measures with equipment that is past its useful life being routinely cut down and not replaced. The square meterage devoted to play provision has shrunk over the years. This investment will help the Park attract a better score when measured against the Welsh Government's Play Sufficiency Assessment in the future.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as it comes within the existing maintenance and inspection regime of 'Street Care' operations. 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 £38,213, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment, carrying out the repairs, modifying the fence line and providing compliant Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing. The Applicants, Councillors Jo Hale, Wyndham Griffiths and Chris Williams, would wish to fund this project from their Members Fund allocation for the Wards of Bryncoch South and North. Each Councillor wishes to contribute £3,000 to this initiative. £20,000 has been allocated to this project from the Street Scene & Environment Playground Allocation Capital Programme. The funding shortfall of £9,213 is to be funded from a Section 106 'Play Facilities Contribution' generated by 'Tai Tarian' and the housing development at Llys Wern.

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