

Appendix B.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF044/T2

To supply and install a new 20.1 m x 1.9 m Cableway zip wire to James' Field in Briton Ferry West.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' working in close partnership with 'Street Care' Services.

The funding will be used to procure and install a new dynamic and challenging aerial runway to add to the existing static play provision. The new equipment to be protected by 28.5 m² of 'Safa Grass' tiles as a means of ensuring compliance with BS EN1177 for Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by children and young people over a period of many years. James' Field comprises a skate park donated by 'Tata Steel', a Youth Shelter and two play end walls for football and basketball but lacks moving play apparatus.

James' Field is the principle venue for teens and youths to congregate but is lacking in equipment that promotes exercise and physical activity. The Park has received investment in recent times and it is hoped to establish a 'Friends Of' Organisation to maintain this momentum. Jersey Park and nearby Victoria Street Park cater for toddlers and juniors. James' Field allows older children to play ball sports, socialise and mix with friends.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the maintenance, inspection, upkeep and insurance of the new equipment will remain with 'Street Care 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 £12,205, which is the full cost of procuring and installing the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Hugh James, would wish to fund this project using the whole of his Members Fund

allocation for the Ward of Briton Ferry West. The funding shortfall of £2,205 will be found from the PDFU's 'Enabling Fund'.

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