

## **Appendix F.**

### **Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF048/T2**

To supply and install a new Swing Bay to the Vale of Neath Leisure Centre play area in Glynneath West.

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

The funding will be used to procure and install a new three bay 2 flat, 2 cradle, 1 basket swing unit to replace the existing 2 bay swing which has proven, from RoSPA Inspection, to have served its useful life. Existing rubber crumb surfacing, kerb edging to be removed, the swing base to be extended and drained and overlaid with 66 square metres of Eco Fleck Impact Absorbing Surface. Equipment and safety surfacing to comply with the Industry Standards BS EN 1176 & BS EN1177.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Members. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents stating that the play area looks tired and unappealing. This project proposal will build upon earlier investments made on the site from a previous tranche of the Members Fund. This investment will 'complete' the site which will then offer a range of rocking, rotating spinning and swinging apparatus.

The Vale of Neath Leisure Centre play area could, with this investment, again become a meeting point for the growing number of young families in the area, a place to play but also to socialise. It is a secure and safe environment for play. This investment will augment the dynamic play equipment that already exists on an adjacent site managed by the Glynneath Town Council.

The scheme has no additional financial implication for NPTCBC as the maintenance, inspection, upkeep and insurance of the new equipment will continue to fall within the 'Street Care' maintenance budget for equipped play areas. There will be less maintenance in the short term with new play equipment and safety surfacing benefiting from 5 and 10 year warranties on structural failure.

## **Recommendations**

The project is valued at £14,342.94, which is the full cost of procuring, removing old equipment and installing new equipment. The Applicants, Councillor Del Morgan and Councillor Simon Knoyle, would wish to fund this project equally (£7,171.47) using a proportion of their Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Glynneath.

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