

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Ref. No:

2016A&C333Schofield
Park Project, Mexborough

Box 1

DIRECTORATE: Adults Health and Wellbeing

DATE: 08/07/16

Contact Name: Glyn Smith

Tel. No: 734130

Subject Matter: Schofield Park Project, Mexborough

Box 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To spend **£43,000** on replacing existing apparatus and introducing two additional pieces of apparatus at the same site.

A breakdown of costs is shown below:

Replacement of existing play apparatus and associated works. Estimated cost is **£17,975**.

Installation of two additional pieces of apparatus and associated works. Estimated cost is **£14,114**.

A 100 linear meter of palisade fencing will be installed to ensure the park is safe from vehicles that currently access on to the park. Estimated cost is **£7,000**.

Plus a 10% contingency of **£3,900**

The money will come from two section 106 accounts, ring fenced for the improvement of Public Open Space within the Mexborough ward. The section 106 accounts both of which are not time restricted and are not area specific. The planning references are 02/1454/P (Lower Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough) using the full balance of **£24,008** and 07/03583/FULM (Manvers Road, Mexborough) using **£18,992** of the £45,750 available.

Box 3

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

For more than a year, Schofield Street and the surrounding area has been subject to significant bouts of ASB, criminal activity and gang lead behaviour. The streets in question are of mixed tenure, but are predominantly private rented and the area in

general is extremely run down and unsightly in places. Schofield park is positioned adjacent to Schofield street. The park, in particular the play area, has been badly damaged over previous years, which has left much of the apparatus dilapidated and unfit for either use or repair.

Following a multiagency approach and a significant amount of resources the ASB, and other ASB associated activities have improved greatly, this is partly due to many of the gang leaders being on remand or imprisoned. A further success in the fight against crime and ASB in the area is a CCTV camera which has been located and captures most of the area of Schofield street.

Given recent successes in the area, there is a strong consensus among agencies, elected members and services that now would be a good time to reinstate Schofield park. It is felt that local children need some where enjoyable to play and to burn off steam.

It is intended to replace all items of apparatus from the existing park and add a further two which will be aimed at a lower age range.

Box 4

OPTIONS CONSIDERED & REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION:

If other options were considered, please specify and give reasons for recommended option

- 1) Doing nothing will result in not utilising the Section 106 money and the park will remain the same.
- 2) The preferred option is to utilise the Section 106 money to improve the parks play equipment. This will benefit the local young people and hopefully reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and improve the community's environment

Box 5

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed spending of monies for the purposes identified within the ODR meets the terms of the relevant Section 106 Agreement.

Name: Karen Winnard

Signature:

Date: 18.07.16

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

Box 6**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:****Capital**

The approved 2016/17 Adults, Health & Wellbeing Capital Programme does not currently include this project. This scheme will be approved via approval route B.10 Relevant approval is required before a project can commence or commit to capital spend. This new addition to the A,H&WB capital programme will be approved by CFO and relevant Director, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder. Any changes will then be reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis. On approval of the report, the Capital Programme will be updated to include this project and a capital sub cost centre will be created and allocated for the projects use.

The cost of the play area improvements is estimated to be £43,000 funded from S106 monies which is all expected to be spent in 2016/17. Ongoing maintenance is expected to be maintained within existing budgets.

Name: E Postill **Signature:** E Postill/FM - AHWB **Date:** 02/09/2016
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance
(or representative)

S106

The project specified in the report seeks to use funding from two Section 106 balances. The total funding required is £43,000.

Planning Ref: 02/1454/P

There is currently a balance of £24,008 on the above planning reference, a commuted sum received in relation to a development at Lower Dolcliffe Road, Mexborough. There are currently no commitments against this balance, which will be used in full as part funding of this project. If funding were approved, a nil balance would remain on this commuted sum.

Planning Ref: 07/03583/FULM

There is currently a balance of £45,750 on the above planning reference, a commuted sum received in relation to a development at Manvers Road, Mexborough. There are currently no commitments against this sum. To fund the project, £18,992 would be needed from this balance, and if funding were approved, a balance of £26,758 would remain on this commuted sum.

Name: J Brogan **Signature:** SFM Regen & Enviro **Date:** 02/09/2016
Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance
(or representative)

Box 7

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no Human Resources Implications

Name: Kelly Gunn

Signature: By Email

Date: 25th July 2016

Signature of Assistant Director of Human Resources and Communications(or representative)

Box 8

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS:

There are a number of routes to market the author can follow to facilitate the commissioning of this project, which will ensure compliance of the Councils CPR's. Either utilising existing framework agreements through ESPO or by carrying out a bespoke tender exercise will ensure compliance as well as ensure the projects individual requirements can be catered for. Consideration is required however as to covering the long term maintenance, testing and repairing of the equipment beyond any warrantee periods and needs to be included either as part of the tender exercise or covered off through internal servicing teams.

Name: S Duffield

Signature: 

Date: 18/07/16

Signature of Assistant Director of Finance & Performance (or representative)

Box 9

ICT IMPLICATIONS:

There are no ICT implications associated with this decision.

Name: Peter Ward (ICT Governance & Resources Officer)

Signature: 

Date: 20/07/16

Signature of Assistant Director of Customers, Digital & ICT (or representative)

Box 10**ASSET IMPLICATIONS:**

The land upon which the play equipment and palisade fencing is to be sited is owned by Doncaster Council. The proposal as outlined therefore represents investment in a council owned asset that will improve its safety, enhance its appeal and promote increased use, hence ensuring the Council is meeting the on-going needs of service users. As such, the proposal is fully supported from an assets perspective.

Name: Gillian Fairbrother (Assets Manager, Project Co-ordinator)

Signature: By email

Date: 5th August, 2016

Box 11**RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

To be completed by the report author

There are no Risks implications associated with this project

(Explain the impact of not taking this decision and in the case of capital schemes, any risks associated with the delivery of the project)

Box 12**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

To be completed by the report author

As above

Name: G Smith
(Report author)

Signature:

Date:

Box 13**CONSULTATION****Officers**

There are currently a local group of residents who regularly carry out litter picks and tree planting.

The community's team also work with this community group and have arranged a consultation day with the residents to discuss future amendments to the park.

South Yorkshire police, Street Scene and the Fire Service are all working in partnership to keep the park safe and tidy for the benefit of the local community.

Members

Elected members support this group, and are keen to carry out improvements. The Mayor of Doncaster also supports this project.

Box 14

INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

It is in the public's interest to be aware of this decision record under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, therefore this decision will be published in full, redacting only signatures.

Name: Amy Haughan **Signature:** 14/09/2016 **Date:** 14/09/2016
Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

Box 15

Signed:  _____ **Date:** 22/9/16
Director/Assistant Director

Signed:  _____ **Date:** 27/9/16
Additional Signature of Chief Financial Officer or nominated representative for Capital decisions.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Signature of Mayor or relevant Cabinet Member consulted on the above decision (if required).

- This decision can be implemented immediately unless it relates to a Capital Scheme that requires the approval of Cabinet. All Cabinet decisions are subject to call in.
- A record of this decision should be kept by the relevant Director's PA for accountability and published on the Council's website.
- A copy of this decision should be sent to the originating Directorate's FOI Lead Officer to consider 'information not for publication' prior to being published on the Council's Website.
- A copy of the signed decision record should be passed to the Democratic Services Team