

PLAY PARK ENGAGEMENT – UPDATE REPORT NO2

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In August 2022, the Scottish Government confirmed a full 5 year funding package to all Scottish Local Authorities from 2020/21 through to 2025/26. Argyll and Bute Council will receive a total of £938k for Play Park funding.
- 1.2 In December 2022, the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the priority list of play parks in each area, based on inspections and feedback from Youth Forums. A copy of this can be found in the following link:-
- [Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee 1 December 2022](#)
- 1.3 In September 2023 an update report was brought before the OLI Area Committee who noted the breakdown of engagement and consultation responses in each area with the majority of responses focusing on new/replacement equipment; and agreed the relevant budget of £33,500 for Tobermory Play Park.
- 1.4 This report updates the proposed work and estimated costs for the play park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

- Note the proposed works on the Tobermory Play Park.
- Agree a further update report will be brought back to the Area Committee after engagement with Mull Community Council

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report provides an update on the proposed works and estimated costs for the Tobermory play park for the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Consider the proposed Groundworks around various pieces of equipment within the park which consists of the following:

• Child Safe Gates	£3k-5k
• Re-matting around the swing	£4k
• Fencing/Wooden slats/timber paint	£6k
• Footway works accessing from Western Road	£3k
• Labour	£15k
• Repair Cable Slide	£3k-£5k
• Repair Basket Swing	£2k-£4k
• Repair Junior Slide Unit	£1k-£2k
• Repair/Upgrade Mesh Fencing (east side of the park)	<u>Not priced</u>
ESTIMATED TOTAL	<u>£44k</u>

The above pricing is calculated at £10,500 above the allocated budget.

4.2 The Council now requires to consider, what work is needed or replacement equipment is needed for the play park which would be deliverable in budget. The Network and Standards Manager is in the process of writing to the Mull Community Council to engage locally regarding what is proposed and what locally they would prefer the funding to be spent on, also to see if they have any

other funding routes which may bolster the funding.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Scottish Government has allocated a total of £938k for Play Park funding to Argyll and Bute Council for investment in play park equipment through to 2025/26 from the Capital Allocation for Renewal of Play Parks Fund.
- 5.2 The Tobermory Play Park has been allocated £33,500, however estimated works are £44,000. Further engagement will take place shortly with the Mull Community Council to find out locally how the community want to spend the budget and a further report will be presented to a 2024 Area Committee meeting.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – This project will be delivered within the Procurement tendering process however, as we have had two unsuccessful processes already as well as a direct award failure members should note that this may well delay matters and officers.
- 6.2 Financial – funded from grant funding from Scottish Government.
- 6.3 Legal – None known.
- 6.4 HR – None known.
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None known
- 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – engagement will take place with appropriate groups, including the disability forum, to provide a positive impact on our young people.
- 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty – None known.
- 6.5.3 Islands – elements of renewal on all play parks, which therefore will not adversely affect islands.
- 6.6. Climate Change – we will endeavour to minimise carbon footprint of this project.
- 6.7 Risk – Failure to deliver within the allotted Scottish Government timescales may result in losing the budget allocated.
- 6.8 Customer Service – the intention of this funding is to provide better facilities for our customers.

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