

COMPLETION OF PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TARBERT PLAY AREA

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates members on progress of the proposal to move the existing play area adjacent to the new all weather park in Tarbert.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are requested to note this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of the 3 year improvement project for the Tarbert Play area the existing site was considered unsuitable due to the high incidence of flooding probably due to the changes in rainfall patterns and the flat nature of the site.

4. DETAILS

- 4.1 On completion of the adjacent sports facility the continuing flooding problems at the play area site meant that it would be advisable to relocate to a higher and therefore less wet area. Such a site has been identified next to the grass football field .
- 4.2 The new play site will be fenced off to exclude dogs and associated fouling problems.
- 4.3 The existing damaged swings will be replaced and new swings erected at the new site. The existing climber, roundabout and rocker will be relocated to the new site.
- 4.4 The existing slide is in good condition and is located on a slightly higher site next to the new all weather pitch. Given this it is not intended to replace or relocate this item of play equipment at this time. If the slide was relocated then onerous new safety guidelines would have to be complied with and it is unlikely that this could be achieved. If it is left in place then the new guidelines do not apply. The situation with the slide will be reviewed in the next three years.
- 4.5 Finance for this project is held within agreed capital allocation and the existing revenue budget. Cost is estimated at £23,500.
- 4.6 Whilst a specific site survey to identify user numbers has not been carried out, the play area is on a route taken to and from schools and anecdotal evidence shows many children use the site on this journey.
- 4.7 The proximity to the grass pitch and all weather pitch draws more children to the area. The play area adds an additional activity that can be undertaken whilst children are on site and offers an opportunity for play to children who may be watching games or waiting to take part.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy	None
5.2	Financial	Within current capital and revenue budget provision.
5.3	Personnel	None
5.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
5.5	Legal	None

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