

URGENT BUSINESS

WEST BYFLEET RECREATION GROUND – CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA

[In accordance with Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Leader of the Council has ruled that the following item be dealt with as Urgent Business due to the need to address public concern.]

Executive Summary

The Council’s approved Investment Programme provides £60,000 for improvements to the Children’s Play Area at West Byfleet Recreation Ground. Officers have considered proposals for improvements in consultation with Parents but have not implemented them following an Officer discussion about an alternative approach.

Officers considered that in recognition of West Byfleet as the second largest centre in the Borough and with the planned residential developments at Broadoaks and in West Byfleet Centre that it may be more appropriate to build a larger play facility with an investment requirement of circa £300,000.

Attached at Appendix 1 is an illustrative plan of the existing site and expansion area.

Attached at Appendix 2 is an illustrative plan of the proposed new area.

Officers remain of the view that the new play area is more appropriate given the importance of West Byfleet as a major centre. The intention is to engage the public, especially those parents that have campaigned for additional facilities, in the design of the new play area with a view to the implementation of the work, subject to Planning Permission for any component that may be over 4 metres in height, during this financial year.

The Executive is requested to consider what action it wishes to direct Officers to take.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To address public concern about the Children’s Play Area and West Byfleet Recreation Ground.

The Executive has the authority to determine this matter.

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Background Papers: None.

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