



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND ACCESS

TOPIC – OPEN SPACE FUND RELEASE TO OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Committee Administrator by 5.00pm on Tuesday 4 November 2008.

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SUMMARY

Otterbourne Parish Council is seeking a release of £28,600 from their Open Space Fund to allow them to enhance the children's play area in Oakwood Park.

The improvement of this play area is an objective of the 2008-09 'Open Space Strategy'.

DECISION

That, subject to planning permission being granted, the release of £28,600 from the Open Space Fund to Otterbourne Parish Council be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Otterbourne parish is deficient in children's play space. The only equipped play area is at the main Oakwood Park recreation ground. This play area is classified as a 'local equipped area for play' (LEAP) in the Open Space Strategy but it should be refurbished, further extended and enlarged to 'neighbourhood equipped area for play' (NEAP) standard, so as to provide the main central play facility for the parish.

The parish council have consulted over the summer to determine preferred designs which will encompass toddler, junior and disabled users between the ages of 18 months to approximately 11 years.

The proposed plan is for a marginally increased area but in the same footprint as at present. Fencing will be either wooden or metal bow top and the area will include two sets of swings plus a large wooden climbing frame.

Southern Water, who leases the land to the parish council, has confirmed they have no objection to the proposals. The lease dates from February 2006 and runs for 21 years with a renewable option for a further 21 years. The freehold has also been offered to the Parish Council and early negotiations are currently underway.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

None.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None.

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Wood – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Access