



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

TOPIC – Open Space Fund release to Kings Worthy 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.

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SUMMARY

- Approval is sought for the release of £43,053 from the Kings Worthy Open Space Fund (play pot) to Kings Worthy Parish Council to enable them to install further children's play equipment at the children's play area at Eversley Park.
- Three firms have tendered for the work and the parish council has opted for the lowest tender.
- This project is identified in the 2007-2008 WCC Open Space Strategy as a 'proposed improvement' (p61).
- This Open Space Strategy 2007-2008 was approved by Cabinet on 11th April 2007 (CAB 1434 "Review of the Open Space Strategy and Funding System" refers).
- At 30th September 2007, Kings Worthy Parish Council had sufficient funds (£63,227) in their open space (play) pot to proceed with this project.
- The Open Space Project Officer is satisfied that the project meets corporate aims and objectives, particularly enhancing quality of life and promoting well-being for children and young people (as set out in the Children Act 2004) and is appropriate in every other respect.

DECISION

That authority be given to the Corporate Director (Operations) to release £43,053 from the Kings Worthy Open Space Fund to the Parish Council for new children's play equipment at Eversley Park

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Kings Worthy has a shortfall of children's play space. Contributions have been made to the Open Space Fund by developers, which are to be used in accordance with the Open Space Strategy for the provision and improvement of play and sports facilities. In order to meet the growing demand for children's facilities, it is considered necessary to enhance, expand and improve the existing children's play spaces both here at Eversley Park and other sites within Kings Worthy.

The possible development of the Tudor Way/Hookpit Farm Lane /Topfield site may provide open space facilities which may help offset the current shortfall in recreation provision, but notwithstanding this possibility, it is considered that improvement of the existing facilities in Kings Worthy should be carried out at this time, using Open Space Funds, in order to cater for the developments which have recently been carried out.

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

N/A

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

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Keith Wood – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport