
REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 7 NOVEMBER 2018

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AWARD OF ENOVERT COMMUNITY GRANT FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT AT SWEYNE PARK OPEN SPACE

1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Environmental Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Environment, to approve the grant award of £45,000 and consequent execution of the project.

2 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The grant provides an opportunity to overhaul the play equipment at Sweyne Park Open Space and only requires a moderate sum of £4,500 contribution as match funding from the Council to access a further £45,000 of grant funding.

3 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 3.1 Rochford District Council applied for funding to Enover Community Trust (ECT) for improvements to the Sweyne Park play area for a value of £45,000.
- 3.2 The award is conditional on the provision of a 10% third party contribution of £4,500 under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), which will be payable to Enover Management Limited on project completion.
- 3.3 This is a project to improve and expand the play facilities within Sweyne Park Open Space and consists of new toddler swings, a toddler multiplay unit, improved challenging trim trail items, a large rotor unit, nest swing, and a large multi-play rope swing unit.
- 3.4 The Council will remain responsible for ensuring that delivery of the project is fully compliant with the regulations. It is proposed that the Council provides the necessary contribution of £4,500, drawn down from the Play Spaces 2018/19 capital budget.
- 3.5 RoSPA (Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents) undertakes an annual play equipment inspection that is recognised as the industry standard upon all play equipment owned by the Council.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 To not enter the agreement.

5 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Failure to successfully deliver the project within the terms of the grant agreement may result in the claw back of part or all of the grant funding. However, adherence to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules will ensure compliance with all aspects of the Grant Award.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 £4,500 will be required to be drawn down from the 2018/19 capital budget for Play Spaces.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None arising out of this report.

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

LT Lead Officer Signature: _____



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Background Papers:-

None.

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