

**REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT**

**REPORT FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: AWARD OF ENOVERT COMMUNITY GRANT FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT AT GREAT WAKERING OPEN SPACE**

**1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 1.1 That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Environment 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 Great Wakering Open Space, and only requires a moderate sum of £4,500 contribution as match funding from the Council to access £45,000 of grant funding.

**3 SALIENT INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Rochford District Council applied for funding to the Enover Community Trust for improvements to the Great Wakering Open Spaces play area for a value of £45,000.
- 3.2 The award is conditional on the provision of a 10% 3<sup>rd</sup> party contribution of £4,500 under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund which would be payable to Enover Management Limited before the project commences.
- 3.3 This is a project to improve and expand the play facilities at Great Wakering Open Space and consists of an overhaul of outdated equipment to supply a new toddler multiplay unit, junior swings, toddler swings including inclusive swing seats, nest/basket swing, roundabout and various sensory items. The project will also include adult gym equipment.
- 3.4 The Council will remain responsible for ensuring that delivery of the project is fully compliant with the terms of the grant award. It is proposed that the Council provide the necessary contribution of £4,500, drawn down from the Play Spaces 2017/18 capital budget.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 To not grant 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 would ensure compliance with all aspects of the terms of the grant award.

**6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 £4,500 would be required to be drawn down from the 2017/18 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Assistant Director - Environmental Services**

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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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