

## SUTTON COURT DRIVE PLAYSACE, ROCHFORD

**Note:** The Chairman has admitted this item of business as urgent in order to allow works to commence early in the summer school holidays to address the needs of users and neighbouring residents.

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member approval to carry out works to Sutton Court Playspace, Rochford.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A meeting of the Playspace Sub Committee was held on 6 July 2005. A copy of the Sub-Committee report and minutes are attached at Appendix A of this report.

### 3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 Following publication of the minutes, a formal request to work in partnership was sent to the Parish Council on 18 July.
- 3.2 The Parish Council, at a meeting held on 20 July 2005, agreed the following resolution:

"This Parish Council recognise that the present situation cannot be allowed to continue.

Therefore:-

The Parish Council supports option 1, with the suggestion that the provision of the 3m high fence is reviewed following consultation with residents, at the suggested total cost of £3,500.

Accepts the suggestion that our contribution is delayed until next April but recommends:-

That Rochford District Council commences the alterations at the Play space as a matter of urgency.

That this Parish council actively seek outside funding.

That the voluntary locking and unlocking of the Play space is as follows.

Opening between 8am-9am all week.

Closing at 9pm during British Summer Time and 6pm during winter months.

This resolution is without prejudice and does not create a precedent".

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1. Following acceptance by the Parish of proposals put forward by the Playspace Sub Committee, it would be beneficial for the local community if the works were to take place as soon as possible.

#### **5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 It is hoped that the improved playspace facility will prevent the increase of crime and disorder in the area.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 50% of the cost of £3,500 will be recouped from Rochford Parish Council in 2006/7. The remaining 50% can be met from existing budgets.

#### **7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The playspace is located in Rochford Parish and their views are outlined in the report

#### **8 RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**
- (1) To carry out works to Sutton Court Playspace as described in Phase 1 in the attached report in the sum of £3,500.
  - (2) That Rochford Parish Council contribute 50% of the above cost in the financial year 2006/7.

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**Background Papers:-**

Letter to Rochford Parish Council dated 18 July 2005.

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