PLAYSPACE ROLLING PROGRAMME 2001/02 CONSULTATION RESULTS

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report advises Members of the results of the further consultations carried out on the proposed skating facility at Althorne Way, Canewdon and the costs of providing a teen shelter at the same location.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the 3 July Community Services Committee, proposals were put forward for the Playspace Rolling Programme for 2001/02 which identified which further consultation was required.
- 2.2 The schemes identified were a skating facility at Althorne Way, Canewdon and Fyfield path, Rayleigh, with further consultation required for Althorne Way.

3 FURTHER CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The first part of the Consultation on the skating facility at Althorne Way provided a positive result in terms of providing a skating facility, but further consultation was required to identify the optimum location on the recreation ground, in conjunction with Canewdon Parish Council.
- 3.2 Fyfield Path infant playspace will be a straight replacement of infant facilities and fencing and no consultation has therefore been undertaken.

4 TEEN SHELTER COST

4.1 A basic shelter which provides for youth will cost in the order of £8,000 for a basic shelter and up to £15,000 for higher quality provision.

5 CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 5.1 A meeting was held with Members of Canewdon Parish Council on site to look at the options for the location. All locations were considered and a decision was made and has been confirmed by the Parish Council as suitable.
- 5.2 This location is identified in the attached Appendix A.
- 5.3 However, following the Consultation, Rochford District Council has now received a letter from Canewdon Parish, placing conditions on the provision of the skateboard facility.

- 5.4 This letter (attached as <u>Appendix B</u>) seeks agreement that Rochford District Council will consider removing the facility, if disturbance to nearby residents is considered by Canewdon Parish to be unreasonable.
- 5.5 The public consultation provided a positive result in favour of provision of the skateboard facility, although there were reservations from some residents adjacent to the Althorne Way Recreation Ground.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The provision of playspaces and play equipment contributes to the reduction of youth nuisance.
- 6.2 The shelter is intended to provide a focus for youths to gather and has the potential to cause nuisance.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no resource implications as a result of this report, all works are funded through the £50,000 Playspace Rolling Programme Budget.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Consultation has been carried out with Canewdon Parish Council, who has agreed the location of the skating facility.
- 8.2 The Parish Council have now included conditions on provision of the facility.

9 RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
 - i) That Members note the result of the Consultation.
 - ii) That Members decide whether the imposition of the conditions in the Canewdon Parish letter of 11 September 2001 are acceptable. (CD(FES))

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Background Papers:

Letter from Canewdon Parish Council

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APPENDIX A

