

REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE - 1 MARCH 2017

PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT

REPORT FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AWARD OF CORY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST GRANT FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT AT HOCKLEY WOODS

1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED

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

2 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 2.1 The play equipment at Hockley Woods had been identified by an independent Royal Society for Protection of Accidents (Rospa) qualified inspection as either requiring immediate replacement, and hence has been closed down, or requiring replacement in the near future.
- 2.2 The grant would provide an opportunity to overhaul the play equipment at Hockley Woods, yet requires a moderate sum of £4,500 contribution as match funding from the Council to access the full £45,000 of funding.
- 2.3 The award is conditional on the provision of a 10% 3rd party contribution of £4,500 under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which will be payable to Cory Environmental Management Limited before the project commences.
- 2.4 This is a project to improve and expand the play facilities within Hockley Woods and includes repair works to some of the existing equipment as well as an extension of provision for 2-12 year-olds and new picnic benches.
- 2.5 The Council would remain responsible for ensuring that delivery of the project is fully compliant with Regulations. It is proposed that the Council provide the necessary contribution of £4,500, drawn down from the Play Spaces 2017/18 capital budget.
- 2.6 Rospa undertake an annual play equipment inspection that is recognised as the industry standard for all play equipment owned by the Council.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 To not enter the agreement.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 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.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 £4,500 would be required to be drawn down from the 2017/18 capital budget for Play Spaces.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications.

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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