

INVENTORY OF PLAYSPACES

1 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To increase Rochford's focus on the Community in all stages of the Services planning and delivery process.

2 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1. This report provides Members with a summary of the information contained in the Inventory of Playspaces in Rochford District.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Panel's Meeting on 29 July 1999 Members requested that an inventory of playspaces be produced in order to review the current status of all playspaces within the District, and assist in the development of a strategy for their future management.

4 CONTENTS OF THE INVENTORY DOCUMENT SUMMARY

- 4.1 The Inventory document that has been developed brings together all the information that was currently held in different formats and locations. The document will be available in the Members Room at the Civic Suite prior to this meeting and will be available at the Rochford District Offices at all times.
- 4.2 The Inventory contains the following items of information;
- A District map and key identifying all sites and their provision, either toddler play, intermediate play or senior play.
 - A management sheet detailing ownership, management arrangements, location details, area and usage information where available and dates of upgrades / maintenance.
 - A detailed sheet for each playspace that contains a full inventory of all equipment at that playspace and its current condition and expected lifespan.
 - A large scale plan of each playspace.
 - A summary of the problems that have been encountered at each playspace and recorded as part of the Crime and Disorder Strategy.
 - Pictures of each playspace showing key details.
 - The list of Playspaces in the priority order for the Rolling programme.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The majority of Rochford's playspaces afford good facilities for children to play. The equipment provided is relevant to each of the identified age groups at each location.
- 5.2 It is important that the use of each playspace and the social problems are not confused, and dealt with appropriately, so that legitimate users are not disadvantaged by the action to deal with the social problems.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Each of the playspaces provides an opportunity for ensuring that it complements the local environment. The facilities provided, by means of their use will help prevent other environmental problems.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Playspaces are initially provided by the District Council, and some are now managed by the Parish Councils. As each playspace is upgraded as part of the rolling programme it is suggested to the Parish that they take over the management of the playspace.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that this Panel agree the Inventory Document.

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Background Papers:

Playspaces Inventory Document
Playspaces working files

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