

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th October 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Development of Outdoor Play in Stockton Borough

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the development of outdoor play in the Stockton Borough. In April 2008 Stockton Council secured £1.1 million capital funding through the Department for Children, Schools and Families' (DCSF) 'Playbuilder' programme.

The report set out initial proposals for the development of play areas and play spaces utilising the Playbuilder funding, focusing on the delivery of six play areas and play spaces schemes during 2008/09 at:

- Carlton Avenue, Billingham
- Romano Park, Ingleby Barwick
- Village Park, Thornaby
- Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park
- Willey Flatts, Yarm
- Thorpe Thewles

It also outlined the process for developing further projects during 2009/10 and 2010/11 and sought approval for Officers to develop a second submission for funding from DCSF in the second wave of the programme.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed Playbuilder allocations for 2008/09 as outlined in the report at paragraph 34 be approved.
2. The process for identifying priorities for the Borough's Playbuilder programme for 2009/10 and 2010/11 at paragraphs 16-19 be approved and noted.
3. Officers be authorised to develop a Play Pathfinder bid, for submission to the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) by 24th October 2008 and that delegation be given to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Arts, Leisure and

Culture and Children and Young People to make any necessary amendments to the bid prior to its submission to DCSF.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To authorise officers to progress with the delivery of schemes during the current financial year, working in partnership with local communities and engaging children and young people in those projects.

To confirm support for the 'Spaces for Play' consultation and the process for identifying Playbuilder projects for delivery during 2009/10 and 2010/11.

To authorise officers to develop a Play Pathfinder bid under the 'second wave' selection process recently announced by Department for Children, Schools and Families. The closing date for submissions is 24 October 2008.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2008

Proper Officer
13 October 2008