

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 29 MARCH 2011

Title:

**TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FUNDS FROM TILFORD ROAD PLAYGROUND TO
BEACON HILL PLAY AREA**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Stephen O'Grady]
[Wards Affected: All]**

Summary and purpose:

To gain agreement to amend the Executive Decision from July 2009 regarding the prioritisation of playground refurbishment to raise Beacon Hill up the priority list.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This is in line with the leisure priority to deliver improved play opportunities for children and young people across the Borough.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

As a result of the decision being made this late in the financial year, consultation would not be able to take place if we wanted to ensure completion before April 2011.

Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

The finance for this refurbishment is 50% S106 money so has to be spent in this area. Failure to make a decision soon could mean the project slips into the next financial year.

Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications.

Background

1. Following the playground prioritisation report that was presented to the Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ELOS) in June 2009 and to the Executive in July 2009 all of Waverley play areas were graded in terms of need against a list of criteria. This produced a reasoned list of priority works to be carried out on our playgrounds.

2. One of the four playgrounds highlighted as priority for refurbishment in 2010/11 was Tilford Road. Consultation took place at the end of 2010 and a contractor was selected in January 2011. The contract was not awarded.
3. Following comments received from local residents, the ward member now strongly believes that Tilford Road is not the correct location for play area refurbishment due to its proximity to a busy road. He would therefore like the money to be reallocated to refurbish the Beacon Hill play area which is within the same Ward and in closer proximity to target demographic users. The Portfolio Holder for Young People agrees with this decision.
4. The successful contractor for Tilford Road has now produced plans for the Beacon Hill playground for the same cost. This will enhance the current provision significantly with the new extended area focusing on the younger user.

Conclusion

5. To ensure that the residents of Beacon Hill receive the expected investment within their play areas as indicated through the consultation period, agreement needs to be given to transfer the allocated money from the Tilford Road project to the Beacon Hill play area.
6. Local residents will be notified in writing of the change of location.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the funds previously allocated to Tilford Road playground be reallocated to the Beacon Hill play area and the prioritisation list be amended accordingly.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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