

Subject: **Playground Refurbishment Programme 2021-2025:
Extract from the proceedings of the Environment,
Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting held
on the 19 January 2021**

Date of Meeting: **18 March 2021**

Report of: **Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance &
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of the Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the item referred from the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for approval:

Recommendation:

- (1) That the playground refurbishment programme set out in appendix 1 be approved;
- (2) That borrowing of up to £0.539m to contribute to the refurbishment of playgrounds be approved;
- (3) That the Executive Director for Economy, Environment & Culture be granted delegated authority to procure and award contracts for up to £3m for playground refurbishment over a period of up to 4 years; and
- (4) That it be agreed that the refurbishment programme is informed by consultation with disability groups in order to improve disability access to local playgrounds.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

4.00pm 19 JANUARY 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Heley (Chair) Lloyd (Deputy Chair), Wilkinson (Opposition Spokesperson), Wares (Group Spokesperson), Appich, Brown, Davis, Fowler, Hills and Williams

PART ONE

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- 71.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture that set out a new strategy for playground refurbishment and also seeks approval in relation to the funding and procurement of the programme.
- 71.2 In response to a question from Councillor Wares, the Park Projects & Strategy Manager confirmed that should funding identified in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) be approved, discussions could commence on a joint approach for playground refurbishment where sites were located on both HRA and public land.
- 71.3 Councillor Wilkinson moved a motion on behalf of the Labour Group to amend the recommendations as shown in bold italics below:

That Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee:

- 2.1 Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it approve the playground refurbishment programme set out in appendix 1.
- 2.2 Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it approves borrowing of up to £0.539m to contribute to the refurbishment of playgrounds.
- 2.3 Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it delegates authority to the Executive Director of Economy Environment and Culture to procure and award contracts for up to £3m for playground refurbishment over a period of up to 4 years.
- 2.4 Recommends to Policy & Resources that the refurbishment programme is informed by consultation with disability groups in order to improve disability access to local playgrounds.

- 71.4 Introducing the motion, Councillor Wilkinson stated that the purpose of the motion was explicitly confirm that consultation with disability groups and stakeholders would take place in relation to any refurbishments.
- 71.5 Councillor Williams formally seconded the motion.
- 71.6 Committee members collectively welcomed the report and commended the innovative approach taken to obtain funding for refurbishment.
- 71.7 The Chair then put the Labour Group motion to the vote that passed.
- 71.8 The Chair then put the recommendations as amended to the vote that was agreed.
- 71.9 **RESOLVED-** That Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee:
- (5) Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it approve the playground refurbishment programme set out in appendix 1.
 - (6) Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it approves borrowing of up to £0.539m to contribute to the refurbishment of playgrounds.
 - (7) Recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that it delegates authority to the Executive Director of Economy Environment and Culture to procure and award contracts for up to £3m for playground refurbishment over a period of up to 4 years.
 - (8) Recommends to Policy & Resources that the refurbishment programme is informed by consultation with disability groups in order to improve disability access to local playgrounds.

