

SUBJECT:	Chippenham Mead Play Area Capital Budget
MEETING:	Cabinet
DATE TO BE CONSIDERED:	20th January 2021
WARDS AFFECTED:	All Wards

1. PURPOSE

To obtain member approval for the inclusion of a capital budget in 2020/2021 for the Monmouth Chippenham Mead Play Area project.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That a capital budget of £111,421 be included in the 2020/21 capital budget to fund the construction of a new play area at Chippenham Mead, Monmouth and that this is funded by a corresponding capital contribution from the S106 balances held by the Council from the Croft-y-Bwla development at Rockfield, Monmouth (Finance Code N563).

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In 2014 Cabinet agreed to allocate capital funding towards the project for a new play area at Chippenham Mead, Monmouth. The relevant planning application references are DC/2006/00858 and DC/2011/00436.
- 3.2 The funding from the development was received in August 2013, with a use by period of five years. The use by date was extended in June 2017 for a further three years by agreement with Persimmon Homes to August 2021.
- 3.3 During that period the Council has obtained planning permission and village green consent for the new play area and there is currently a detailed design and equipment list out on consultation until the end of this month.
- 3.4 There are three conditions on the planning consent that need to be discharged when the consultation period has ended, relating to the detailed layout and hard and soft landscaping. Once these conditions have been discharged it is proposed to commence the works before the end of March.

4.0 WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

The EQIA is attached to this report at **Appendix A**. This particular report would only have implications arising from the EQIA if members for some reason decided not to include the funding in the capital budget.

5.0 OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The options available are to not include the funding in the capital budget and either (a) repay it to the developer; or (b) re-allocate it to another as project or to include the funding in the capital budget as proposed in this report.

It is proposed that option 3 is adopted, as the funding was allocated to the Chippenham play area project in 2014.

6.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

This decision will be evaluated in September 2022, when the new play area has been operational for a full twelve month period. The review will consist of obtaining feedback from users and their families through the use of an on-site questionnaire and obtaining feedback from children that attend the SHEP and open access play provision in the 2021 and 2022 school summer holidays.

7.0 REASONS

- 5.1 To ensure there is enough funding available in the capital budget to cover the costs of reinstatement, landscaping and provision of the new play area.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The funding is required to fund the construction of the new play area and associated works. It is currently available in the Council's capital balances and the decision to allocate it to this particular project was made in June 2014.

9.0 CONSULTEES

Cabinet Members

Local Monmouth Members

S106 Working Group

Senior Leadership Team

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Cabinet report approved by members on 4th June 2014
2. Email dated June 2017 from the Managing Director of Persimmon Homes

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