

Funding Panel Assessment.

Grant criteria information

The below must be considered when assessing the use of the AWPOG grant.

- All projects need to be **completed** by March 2026. Funding cannot be allocated to projects that won't be ready to use by March 2026
- The grant must be used to support actions of the 2025 PSA
- WG would like the money to be used, as far as reasonably practicable, to encompass a wide range of users including a range of ages. In relation to this It is concluded that this grant would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play). The funding would then cover a wider range of ages and needs whereas LAPS focus more on lower age groups, mainly the pre-school under-5s.
- WG would like to see funding being utilised to support cross policy objectives e.g. active travel, community.
- Supporting areas of deprivation is desirable but can be used in lower deprived areas if there is rational to do so
- Current Play value should be considered when making decisions with a view to improving play value. A score between 0-29 is considered LOW play value.

Assessment

SITE	CATEGORY	DEPRIVATION	PV SCORE 2019	PSA detail	COMMENT	Funding Panel Review	To be funded
Abergavenny							
Underhill	Neighbourhood	Cantref 2 (1)	9	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Investment likely from new RLDP site at Penlanlas, although that could be a few years away – but at least it does have the prospect of future funding that could be significant.	History of vandalism and anti-social behaviour. This isn't a reason not to invest but there is a prospect of future S106 funding and there is another Neighbourhood play area on the same estate at Rother Avenue. The Underhill site is more of a playing field with a zip wire, a basketball court and a limited number of other pieces of play equipment. The site is currently on the edge of the estate but if developed in the future as proposed it will have a much better level of overlooking, creating an extra level of safety for users. This is definitely one for future investment, preferably through S106 funding contributions. The level of work needed for this will not be possible to complete by the end of March 20262.	x
St Faith's Close	Local	Castle&Llanfoist(19)	13	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	LAP.	It was discussed and concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play). The funding would then cover a wider range of ages and needs whereas LAPS focus more on lower age groups, mainly the pre-school under-5s.	x
Belgrave Road	Neighbourhood	Cantref 1 (49)	21	As part of the PSA 2025 action plan this is one of the parks that is to be reassessed for its play value as it has already had investment.	Recent investment, further minor investment due in 2025 from Ross Road S106.	High affluent area. Has had significant investment recently. Fence required to complete site. When reassessed it will score a much higher play value.	x
Bailey Park	Neighbourhood	Priory 2 (18)	61	With a high play value this is not included in the 2025 PSA action plan	2 nd best PV score in MCC, more small-scale investment due in 2025 from volunteers.	High play value score, recent improved access work completed. Volunteers have raised funding for new play panels that will further increase play value score.	x
St Helen's Close	Local	Grofield (10)	25	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA	LAP.	Serves a large area and is well-used, but all tarmac surfacing. Not in one of the highest areas of deprivation.	x

				2025 as “All parks identified as; low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding ”			
Rother Avenue	Neighbourhood	Grofield (10)	24	As part of the PSA 2025 action plan this is one of the parks that is to be reassessed for its play value as it has already had investment.	Significant investment due in 2025 from Ross Road S106.	Located in central position on the Underhill Estate – when improvements carried out will raise play value score to “adequate” status.	x
Glan Gavenny	Local	Croesonen (4)	13	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; “All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding ”	LAP.	It was discussed and concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play). The funding would then cover a wider range of ages and needs whereas LAPS focus more on lower age groups, mainly the pre-school under-5s.	x
Caldicot							
Longfellow Road	Neighbourhood	West End (5)	22	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; “All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding ”	Ongoing discussions locally, to assess the site.	Relocation, replacement or significant upgrading would be a longer-term aim and is not practical with timelines for this year’s AWPOG grant	x
Chepstow							
Garvey Close	Local	Thornwell 1 (3)	10	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; “All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding ”	LAP.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play).	x
Summerhouse Lane	Local	Thornwell 1 (3)	10	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; “All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on	LAP.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play).	x

				access to appropriate funding			
Pheonix Drive	Local	Thornwell 1 (3)	10	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	LAP.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play).	x
Burnt Barn Road (also known as Western Avenue)	Neighbourhood	Thornwell 2 (17)	25	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Play area located in high-use area, next to rugby pitches and close to Thornwell Primary School.	Equipment is in poor condition. Improvements have been requested by local residents and local members. No prospect of future S106 funding, if AWPOG capital is allocated there is sufficient space within the existing site boundary to accommodate the improvements. Work can be completed by 31 March 2026.	Y
Larkfield Close	Neighbourhood	Thornwell 2 (17)	13	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Ongoing discussions locally, to assess the site.	Not accessible for disabilities, not overlooked and too far removed from anywhere that children would play/access. Nowhere to relocate sensibly. Even if there was a way to improve on this it could not be achieved by March 2026. This park is located in the same ward as Western avenues and therefore residents can access that park.	x
Bulwark Park (also Known as Piggy's Hill)	Neighbourhood	St Christophers (23)	19	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	High level of use, located on through route and close to St Mary's Primary School – very well used by children and families at drop off/pick up times throughout the school year.	Site is located approx.100yds from Chepstow skatepark, which is also in need of some investment to provide a better skating surface on the apron surrounding the main skatepark bowl. Some funding exists and there is potential to match fund, using part of the AWPOG money – which would ensure that the AWPOG money would benefit a wide range of children and young people. Work can be completed by 31 March 2026.	Y
Hardwick Avenue (also known as Garden City)	Neighbourhood	St Christophers (23)	21	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Links to NEAP.	Can link to Bulwark Park. Does need some investment (circa £50K) but not as urgent as other areas. The site is well used, has an active Friends Group and is located next to a community garden and well used junior football pitch.	x
Clydach							

Recreation Ground	Neighbourhood	Llanelly Hill 2 (12)	16	As part of the PSA 2025 action plan this is one of the parks that is to be reassessed for its play value as it has already had investment.	Recent investment from S106 funding from Ty Mawr and Cae Meldon sites.	Site needs to be re-assessed in terms of play value.	x
Llanelly Hill							
Playing Field	Neighbourhood	Llanelly Hill 2 (12)	15	As part of the PSA 2025 action plan this is one of the parks that is to be reassessed for its play value as it has already had investment.	Recent £22K S106 investment in improvements from Ty Mawr/Cae Meldon.	Site needs to be re-assessed in terms of play value.	x
Penllwyn Open Space	Local	Llanelly Hill 2 (12)	11	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	LAPS.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play)	x
Monmouth							
Carbonne Close	Neighbourhood	Overmonnow 2 (2)	28	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Moderate investment needed to increase play value to "adequate".	Further discussion with housing association to increase play value and any investment.	x
Goldwire Lane	Local	Overmonnow 2 (2)	24	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Recent investment – site need to be reassessed in terms of play value	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play).	x
King's Fee Estate	Local	Overmonnow 2 (2)	30	With an adequate play value this is not included in the 2025 PSA action plan As part of the PSA 2025 action plan this is one of the parks that is to be reassessed for its play value as it has already had investment.	Playpark replaced via Active Travel funding. as part of Williamsfield Lane footpath upgrade.	Significant recent investment – site needs to be re-assessed in terms of play value.	x

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Manor Chase	Local	The Elms (52)	13	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	LAPS.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play)	x
Rockfield View	Local	The Elms (52)	7	As low play value this aligns with the action of the PSA 2025 as; <i>"All parks identified as low play value will be included in infrastructures development plans for improvements and actions will be made based on access to appropriate funding"</i>	Confirmed S106 funding to upgrade in 2025 and/or 2026.	Concluded that this fund would have better value if invested into larger neighbourhood playparks (NEAPS) rather than LAPS (local areas for play).	x
Usk							
Usk Playpark	Neighbourhood	Usk 1 (41)	69	With a high play value this is not included in the 2025 PSA action plan	Best ranked play value site in Monmouthshire.	Already significant investment. High play value and low level of deprivation.	x