

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	15/05/2023			
Decision Maker (Officer):	Mike Carran, Assistant Director Economic Growth, Culture and Leisure			
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference): Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). The Corporate Director of Place and Economy has delegated operational matters relating to the recruitment of temporary resource to the Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Leisure. Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm			
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A			
Is it a Key Decision?	No			
Is it subject to call-in?	No			
Decision Made:	To accept £25,000 of capacity funding from the Football Foundation for the PlayZone scheme, to take the project through a community engagement process and up to and including the submission of a full bid for up to 3 of these facilities to be installed at locations in the district.			
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	Following submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Football Foundation Playzone scheme, the Council has received an offer to be included on the scheme, which includes capacity funding of £25,000.			

The PlayZone Programme is a Football Foundation scheme aimed at tackling inequalities in physical activity and access to facilities by funding community-led spaces. Playzones are new outdoor mini pitches designed for football and other sports/activities with the view of prioritising target groups to be more active.

From the list of priority groups set out by the Football Foundation, the Council's expression of interest focussed on providing facilities for the following:

- Lower socio-economic groups
- Disabled people and people with long term health conditions

The Football Foundation have offered £25,000 of capacity funding, to the Council, which will take the project through a community engagement process and up to and including the submission of a full bid for up to 3 of these facilities to be installed at locations in the district. The actual number and locations of new Playzones which the Council ultimately bids for, will be agreed with the Football Foundation and partners prior to the community engagement process.

The Council's draft Sport and Activity Strategy recognises the need for more free to use facilities and activities in key areas around this district. If the funding is accepted, it would commit the Council to taking the project up to and including submission of a funding bid. It would not commit the Council any further. Locations for the proposed Playzones would be researched and agreed through the community engagement process.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:

If the Council decides not to submit a full funding application for delivering Playzones following the community engagement, the Football Foundation can request the funding should be returned.

This decision does not mean that the Council is committed to building Playzones in the district, but this phase will take the project up to and including submission of a funding bid to the Football Foundation.

In order to deliver the scheme, dedicated resources will be required to take the project forward. Officers are working towards freeing up staff hours to use the funding available to ensure this scheme has appropriate project management capacity.

Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Option 1 - As above Option 2 - Not to accept the capacity funding		
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision)	N/A		
If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:			
Reason Decision, or	✓ Not applicable – Decision to be published		
supporting Report, is not	If Report is not to be published - tick one of the		
published:	following boxes:		
	The report supporting the Decision contains		
Tick one or more of the specific	confidential information The Report supporting the Decision falls within an		
exemptions,	exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local		
and	Government Act 1972 Information:		
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Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).	Likely to reveal the identity of an individual		
	Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation		
	Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings		
	Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment		
	Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime		
	And is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information		
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In consultation with:

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Dated: 15/05/2024