

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION							
Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
13 July 2026	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE & PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE AND PUBLIC REALM	For the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance, together with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm to: a). approve the final Playzone business plans as set out in the accompanying background report, and authorise the Assistant Director, Sport, Culture and Health to enter into JCT agreements with McArdle Sport to construct Playzone facilities at Clacton Leisure Centre, Walton on the Naze, Jaywick Sands and Harwich. b). agree the schedule of fees and charges, as set out in Table 2 (pricing structure) of the background report	At their meeting on 27 June 2025, Cabinet agreed to install four new “PlayZones” at Clacton on Sea, Walton on the Naze, Jaywick Sands and Harwich; which are modern, largely free to use intergenerational multi activity hubs around the Tendring District, at a total cost of £1,119,257, with 75% match funding agreed from the Football Foundation (FF). Prior to entering into contract for the construction phase, Cabinet requested that Officers ‘<i>produce business cases for this scheme with authority for approval and associated actions</i>	Not to progress the project any further: Such a decision would result in the projects being cancelled, and loss of £839,355 of external funding. As this project is a key action in providing new free to use facilities in focus areas of the district, as set out in the Sport and Activity Strategy, a key route to delivering a Council objective would be lost. To scale down the project and deliver fewer Playzones in the district: This would reduce the	N/A	Yes. Consultation was undertaken with Ward Members prior to the Cabinet Report being agreed in June 2025.	Yes

		c). Authorise the Director of Finance to include the associated PlayZone budget amendments in a future Budget Monitoring Report for Cabinet's consideration Previous decisions: CABINET REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT SPORT AND ACTIVITY STRATEGY, 12 MARCH 2024: Microsoft Word - Sport and Activity Strategy March 2024 Final Version Final Decision - Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Leisure and Public Realm Portfolio Holder - A.5 - Delivery of four new Playzone Activity Hubs for the District	<i>delegated to the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance and Leisure and Public Realm in consultation with the Corporate Director Finance, Assistant Director Sport, Culture and Health and Legal Services.'</i> Taking the profit and loss information set out in the accompanying report into account, it is projected that there will be an overall surplus of £124,727 over the first five years of operation. The percentage of anticipated activity across four PlayZone facilities demonstrates a sustainable financial model, and activation will continue in advance of construction and once the facilities are operational.	project costs and resourcing implications involved, but would in turn reduce opportunity and a platform for increased activity levels across our communities. As the business planning process suggest there will be no wider financial implication to the Council it is considered viable to progress the project through to construction .			
URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to “Agreement to Decision” below):-							
GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES?			NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant			N/A

(Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)		overview and scrutiny committee?	
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	N/A
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)	NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	N/A
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)	NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?	
		If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	N/A

AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-		
Signed:- Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance Decision Maker Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm Decision Maker	Date:- 	Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):- ... Para 6.3.5 (b) Part 5.4 of the Constitution

		
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