

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEAD OF SERVICE'S URGENT DECISION

Cabinet/Committee: Cabinet
Chairman: Cllr Ian Carr
Head of Service: Paul Jackson

A new Urban Sports Facility at Nursling Recreation Ground

Request for authorisation to release Section 106 Contributions towards the costs of an external scheme. The request has been made by Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council, in association with Test Valley Borough Council's Community and Leisure Service, to install a new Urban Sports Facility and Bund on Nursling Recreation Ground at a cost of £70,000.

Test Valley Borough Council in association with Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council commissioned a Mini-Tender under the ESPO/Pro5 framework agreement 115 for the provision of Playground Equipment Services for members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Procurement Partnership. The preferred bid was provided by HAGS Play Ltd, with a proposed completion date of 01 October 2012 subject to an early decision for the release of Section 106 funds.

A public consultation was undertaken by the Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council between 01 November 2011 and 13 January 2012, to develop a long term strategic plan to improve the leisure facilities in the parish. The consultation revealed a support towards additional facilities for children and teenagers, with an Urban Sports/Skate Park Facility being the most desirable followed by formal recreation, natural play and a Multi Use Games Area. Consultation with Test Valley Anti Social Behaviour Officers and Hampshire Police was undertaken; both parties agreed that an Urban Sports Facility should be located on the Recreation Ground.

The Parish of Nursling and Rownhams will soon be subject to the development of 350 new dwellings at Redbridge Lane (planning permission 09/01706/OUTS). Associated with this permission is a requirement to provide £120,000 towards construction of a new children's play facility within the parish and £50,000 towards the promotion of Informal Recreation, likely to be a Multi Use Games Area. The Agreement also outlines provision for levelling and laying out new sports pitches in the parish, to include football and cricket.

There is currently two children's play areas within the parish located at Balmoral Way, Rownhams and Winstanley Road, Nursling. Formal recreation provision by means of two football pitches is already located at the Nursling Recreation Ground.

All required signatories (Planning Policy and Transport Service, Community and Leisure Service, Finance Service, Ward Members and Planning and Transport Portfolio Member) of the Planning and Building Head of Service scheme of delegation have approved the project; the limit of such delegation is £25,000.

Total amounts held towards each type of public open space;

Purpose	Value
Sports Ground/Formal Recreation	£28,311.34
Parkland	£9,150.45
Informal Recreation	£19,733.22
Children's Play Space	£20,450.77
Commuted Sum (Adanac)	£7,696.27
Total	£85,342.05

The use of these funds conforms to the purpose for which the contributions were sought; however the £70,000 should be made up from Sports Ground/Formal Recreation, Informal Recreation, Commuted Sum and part of Children's Play Space monies. The use of Children's Play Space funds is justified in that it is likely younger children (not exclusively teenagers) will use part of the facility. Parkland funds should not be used.

Planning permission would not be required for the facility as it will not exceed 4 metres in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity, as set out in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, Schedule 2, Part 12, Class A(a) and A2, assuming the land is belonging to or maintained by that Local Authority (which includes Parish Councils) required for the purpose of any function exercised by them on that land.

The proposal supports two main aims of the Corporate Plan 2011-15. Enhancing and preserving our natural and built environment by providing open spaces that meet people's needs, also encouraging communities to reach their full potential by ensuring that new community facilities are appropriate to local need.

It is recommended that use of appropriate developer contributions, as detailed above, be used to fund the proposed installation of a new Urban Sports Facility at Nursling Recreation Ground. Such funding will be subject to 5% of the total project cost to be retained until a satisfactory completion inspection has been made.

REASON FOR URGENCY

(After consultation with the Chief Executive)

The preferred bidder has confirmed that a completion date of 01 October 2012 can be met, subject to a prompt decision by Test Valley Borough Council and Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council. This completion date will be dependant upon successful construction of the materials in August with ground works and installation being completed in September. As such an urgent decision is required by Test Valley Borough Council regarding the acceptable use of these funds.

DECISION

(After consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman), who has not requested that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the Committee).

That the Council:

1. Issue the £70,000 for the Urban Sports Facility and Nursling Recreation Ground from the Section 106 fund.

Head of Finance's Signature *Affemi* Date: *2/8/2012*

Head of L & D's Signature *S. Tava* Date: *2.8.2012*

CE/Corporate Director's Signature: *C.A. Moore* Date: *2/8/2012*

Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's
(Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
Signature: *Chris* Date: *2/8/2012*

Chairman's/Vice-Chairman's of Cabinet/Committee
Signature: *[Signature]* Date: *2/8/2012*

Head of Service's
Signature: *Paul Gairner* Date: *2 August 2012*

Reported to Committee on *[Signature]* Date:

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 2. Corporate Director (AF)
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BACKGROUND PAPER: