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## **ALLERLEY WELL PLAY PARK FUNDING PROPOSAL**

**Report by Director Infrastructure & Environment**

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### **JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD COMMITTEE**

**28 February 2022**

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#### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This Report sets out the proposal for additional funding of £50,000 toward the new Allerley Well Play Park in Jedburgh from the Jedburgh Common Good Fund.

#### **2 STATUS OF REPORT**

- 2.1 Due to the timing of the report, it is currently undergoing consultation. Comments received from the consultation will be reported at the meeting.

#### **3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 I recommend that the Committee approves the proposed additional £50,000 contribution for the new Allerley Well Play Park in Jedburgh.**

## **4 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Since May 2018 Scottish Borders Council has, through a programme of investment, invested £2.1m, with a further £0.647m forecast in 2021/22 in enhancing the network of play areas and community spaces throughout the Scottish Borders, aimed at providing high quality facilities in strategic locations to encourage play, greater physical activity and outdoor access for children and young people. As part of this, destination play areas have been delivered in Harestanes, Galashiels, Kelso, Peebles, Hawick, Coldstream and Newtown St Boswells, with further projects to be delivered in Jedburgh, Duns, Eyemouth and Earlston.
- 4.2 Delivery of the new Destination play park at Allerley Well Park is part of a suite of four play park projects included in a tender that was awarded to Wicksteed Leisure Ltd in 2020.
- 4.3 Scottish Borders Council has funding available of £200,000 for the new play facilities planned for Allerley Well Park in Jedburgh.

## **5 FUNDING PROPOSAL**

- 5.1 Following discussions with Elected Members, it was agreed that Wicksteed Leisure Ltd would design the new destination play park on the site of the existing small play park in Allerley Well Park. As part of these discussions it was agreed that the value of the project would be increased to £250,000 to deliver the agreed layout plan, and that the additional £50,000 required would be requested from the Jedburgh Common Good Fund. The proposed layout plan has been circulated to the Jedburgh & District Elected Members for consideration.
- 5.2 The proposed new, accessible for all, play park will include 25 separate items, including the central feature of a bespoke multi-play item, which includes a 6.5m long double width slide & locally inspired climbing rockscape feature. The new play park will cover an area of 920 square metres, surrounded by fencing and with a complete wet-pour safety surfacing. (See Appendix for layout details and visuals). The additional funding will enhance the play park to provide more equipment and provide a greater experience for the children using the play park. It is anticipated that the play park will be constructed in Summer 2022, so draw down of funds will be in 2022/23.
- 5.3 If the Jedburgh Common Good Committee reject the funding request, the proposed layout plan will be amended to provide a new £200,000 play park for Allerley Well Park.

## **6 IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Financial**

- (a) The proposed budgets show the net surplus for 2022/23 of £20,784 and a grants budget of £20,200. The approval of £50,000 expenditure

will result in a net deficit of £29,216 for the Fund if the grants budget is also fully expended.

## 6.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no risks identified from the recommendations set out in this report.

## 6.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

The proposal will not have adverse impact on grounds of equality, poverty, health and socio-economic disadvantage. The proposal will increase the quality/amount of facilities for play for young people and their carers in the community.

## 6.4 Sustainable Development Goals

There is no impact on the contribution towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

## 6.5 Climate Change

There are no additional climate change impacts arising from the proposal.

## 6.6 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

## 6.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in your report.

## 7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Director (Finance & Corporate Governance), the Monitoring Officer/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications are being consulted and any comments will be incorporated into the final report.

### Approved by

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**Background Papers: Capital programme 2018/19 – Investment in Play areas and outdoor community spaces, Scottish Borders Council 31 May 2018**

**Previous Minute Reference: Scottish Borders Council, 31 May 2018 – Item 9**  
<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g3726/Public%20minutes%2031st-May-2018%2010.00%20Scottish%20Borders%20Council.pdf?T=11>

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