

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL – 31 MARCH 2022

STARRED ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MINUTES

JEDBURGH COMMON GOOD SUB-COMMITTEE – 28 FEBRUARY 2022

3.0 ALLERLEY WELL PLAY PARK FUNDING PROPOSAL

- 3.1 There had been circulated copies of a report by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment which set out proposals for additional funding of £50,000 towards the Allerley Well Play Park in Jedburgh from the Jedburgh Common Good Fund. The report explained that Since May 2018 Scottish Borders Council had, 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 had 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.
- 3.2 Delivery of the new Destination play park at Allerley Well Park was part of a suite of four play park projects included in a tender that was awarded to Wicksteed Leisure Ltd in 2020. Scottish Borders Council had funding available of £200,000 for the new play facilities planned for Allerley Well Park in Jedburgh. 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 had been circulated to the Jedburgh & District Elected Members for consideration. The proposed new, accessible for all, play park would include 25 separate items, including the central feature of a bespoke multi-play item, which included a 6.5m long double width slide & locally inspired climbing rockscape feature. The new play park would cover an area of 920 square metres, surrounded by fencing and with a complete wet-pour safety surfacing. The additional funding being requested would enhance the play park to provide more equipment and provide a greater experience for the children using the play park. It was anticipated that the play park would be constructed in summer 2022, so draw down of funds would be in 2022/23. Mr Blackie highlighted the main points in the report and answered Members questions.

DECISION

- * **AGREED TO RECOMMEND to Council that the proposed additional funding of £50,000 be approved as a contribution for the new Allerley Well Play Park in Jedburgh from the Jedburgh Common Good Fund.**