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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 10 October 2016

Portfolio:	Leisure & Community
Subject:	Holly Hill Play & Recreational Facilities
Report of:	Director of Operations
Strategy/Policy:	Leisure Strategy
Corporate Objective:	Leisure for Health & for Fun

Purpose:

To seek approval to spend funds from the Section 106 contributions for outdoor sport and recreation on a multi-use games area, items of outdoor gym equipment and associated landscaping on the open space adjacent to Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

Executive summary:

The construction of the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre and two junior football pitches on the former Coldeast Hospital site have now been completed. In addition improvements have been made to the meadowland and woodland areas and these works are ongoing.

The next phase of community benefits on the Coldeast site includes the provision of new bespoke children's play area, multi-use games area and outdoor gym equipment.

Executive approval has already been given for £150,000 to be allocated for the children's play area and approval is now being sought to allocate £130,000 for a new multi-use games area, outdoor gym equipment and associated landscaping.

The intention is to issue the tender to procure the construction of all the new play and recreational equipment in January 2017 which should mean that they will be available to use in the summer of 2017.

Consultation will be undertaken with local Ward Councillors, residents and schools as part of the process to deliver these improvements.

Recommendation:

That the Executive approves £130,000 from the section 106 contributions for outdoor sport and recreation for the construction of a new multi-use games area and items of outdoor gym equipment on the land adjacent to Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

Reason:

To provide a new multi-use games area and outdoor gym equipment on the land adjacent to Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

Cost of proposals:

£150,000 has already been approved for the children's play area. Approval is being sought to allocate £130,000 for a new multi-use games area, outdoor gym equipment and associated landscaping.

Background papers: None

Reference papers: Report to the Executive; Play Area Refurbishment Programme, March 2015

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. At the meeting on 2 March 2015 the Executive approved the 3 year play area improvement programme for the Borough. This included £150,000 for the provision of a new children's play area on the land adjacent to the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre.
2. In addition to the children's play area, the proposal is to include a new multi-use games area (MUGA) and a selection of outdoor gym equipment.
3. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to spend section 106 contributions from outdoor sport and recreation for the provision of the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment and to issue a tender for the procurement of these recreational facilities and the children's new play area.

BACKGROUND

4. A large area of land has been acquired by the Council on the former Coldeast Hospital site from the Homes and Communities Agency for use as public open space. As part of the community benefits the Council has constructed the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre. In addition, improvements are being made to the woodland and meadowland on the site and two new junior football pitches have been constructed.
5. The next phase of community benefits on the Coldeast site includes the provision of new bespoke children's play area, MUGA and outdoor gym equipment. The need for these new play and recreational facilities were generated by volume of new housing that has been developed on the Coldeast site.
6. Executive approval has already been given for £150,000 for the provision of a new children's play area when the 3 year play area improvement programme was agreed at the meeting of the Executive on 2 March 2015.
7. Approval is now being sought to allocate £130,000 of funding from the section 106 contributions for outdoor sport and recreation to construct a MUGA, outdoor play equipment and associated landscaping.

8. The intention is to issue a tender in January for a contract to construct all these new play and recreational facilities so that they are completed ready for summer 2017.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. The Executive have already approved £150,000 as part of the 3 year play area improvement programme to construct a new children's play area. Approval is now being sought to allocate £130,000 from available section 106 contributions for outdoor sport and recreation to construct a multi-use games area, outdoor play equipment and associated landscaping.

CONCLUSION

10. The construction of the new Holly Hill Leisure Centre and two junior sports pitches on the former Coldeast Hospital site has now been completed. In addition to this major improvement works have been made to the woodland and meadowland on this site.
11. The next phase of community benefits on the Coldeast site includes the provision of new bespoke children's play area, multi-use games area and outdoor gym equipment. While approval has already been given by the Executive for the funding for the play area, approval is now being sought to allocate funding for the MUGA and outdoor gym equipment and associated landscaping.
12. The intention is to issue the tender to procure the construction of all the new facilities in January 2017 which should mean that they will be available to use in the summer of 2017.
13. Consultation will be undertaken with local Ward Councillors, residents and schools as part of the process to deliver these improvements.

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