

**MEDIUM TERM PLAN  
REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**(Report by the Head of Financial Services)**

**1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Cabinet to decide whether to release funds for the MTP schemes detailed in the attached annexes.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council agreed in December 2005 *that, having regard to the implications for future spending and Council Tax levels, Directors review with appropriate Executive Councillors the need for schemes/projects included in the MTP but not yet started and that specific prior approval be sought and obtained from the Cabinet before such schemes/projects are implemented.*
- 2.2 Officers have identified the schemes that they wish Cabinet to consider releasing funding for and have discussed them with the relevant Executive Councillor.
- 2.3 Annex A summarises and the following Annexes detail these requests.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Cabinet is recommended to release the funds shown in Annex A.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985**

None

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## ANNEX A

<b>SUMMARY</b>		<b>Net Revenue Impact (£'000)</b>						<b>Net Capital (£'000)</b>					
		2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012
<b>ANNEX B</b>													
<b>369</b>	<b>Play Equipment Replacement - 2006/07</b>	1	3	3	3	3	3	54					
<b>4/B</b>	<b>Activity Parks – 2006/07</b>	1	2	2	2	2	2	50					
<b>Total amount for which release now requested</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>104</b>					

## 369 - Play Equipment Replacement - 2006/07

## Financial Impact

	Net Revenue Impact						Capital							
	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000
Approved Gross Budget	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	54						
Approved Net Budget	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	54						
Already released	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>Amount for which release now requested</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>						

## Justification for Release

The council owns and maintains a wide range of play equipment and associated safety surfacing, in play and activity areas throughout the district. Each item of equipment has a finite working life and renewal is based on a combination of the age and condition of each individual item. The council makes provision for a rolling programme of renewals of equipment to spread the cost of replacement over a ten year period. Renewals are based on a combination of independent engineering inspection advice and the outcomes from regular in house inspections.

The play equipment and safety surfacing detailed in the previously agreed Play Equipment Replacement 10 year Programme, will have reached the end of the operational life in the current financial year and therefore a Capital provision is required for its replacement.

The replacement of the equipment will ensure our continued conformance to British and European Standards for play equipment and safety surfacing, and ensure that we continue to meet the very high health and safety standards applicable to these facilities.

**4/B - Activity Parks – 2006/07**

**Robert Ward**

**Financial Impact**

	Net Revenue Impact							Capital						
	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000	2006/ 2007 £000	2007/ 2008 £000	2008/ 2009 £000	2009/ 2010 £000	2010/ 2011 £000	2011/ 2012 £000	2012/ 2013 £000
Approved Gross Budget	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	50						
Approved Net Budget	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	50						
Already released	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>Amount for which release now requested</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>						

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The bid forms part of the councils ongoing programme to provide, in partnership with others, skateboard, inline skates, BMX and other similar outdoor activity park areas, specifically aimed at teenagers and young people. These partnership schemes are with voluntary groups and/or Parish/Town Councils and have proved to be very effective at developing community involvement and active local support for types of scheme that can bring with them, antisocial behaviour problems if not 'owned by the communities they serve. The capital release of this bid is to continue to provide funding for these partnerships and is based on a contribution of the lower 50% or £8,000 per scheme.