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Subject:	S106 monies – Diss Park Play Equipment Upgrade

Introduction

1. Funds to pay for this project has come from developer contributions for improvements to recreational provision in Diss & Roydon. It has to be spent on older children / adults.
2. At the March Full Council meeting, it was resolved to draft a specification for the Park equipment upgrade & seek quotations thereon.
3. Diss Youth Council undertook a survey at Diss High School and the feedback was in favour of an upgraded play park.
4. Three companies were invited to tender including two local companies. Two companies supplied quotes.
5. The S106 funds have to be spent by March & May 2020. The contractors have advised that the autumn is the preferred installation period, which means that a decision on the preferred supplier is required at this meeting.
6. The two designs have been consulted on this week via social media and in the office and the early results of this consultation are provided below.

Option 1

7. Option 1 (Proludic) targets the older age range which meets the criteria for expenditure of the S106 funds. It offers a wide range of different play equipment spread over a larger floor area (Appendix B). It includes a wavy slide that is taller than a bus(!), a standing and sitting swing, which accommodates up to 6 children, the 22-metre climbing frame is aimed at a wider age range as the younger children can use the lower level parts of the equipment. It is also designed for adults use alongside the children for example, pull ups on the monkey bars.
8. The red climbing frame in the toddler area is at the end of its life. It has therefore been proposed to replace that with a snail rocker, which is also disabled friendly.
9. The framework is 100mm in diameter.
10. All surface areas will be replaced with wetpour including the roundabout, the twin-fly and the set of swings. The blue shapes denote the start and finish of the pieces of equipment and where the heaviest traffic is. Therefore, the surfacing will remain in a better condition for longer.
11. The equipment is manufactured in the UK and owned by Proludic, which means that replacement parts will be easy to acquire.
12. Proludic provide a 2, 5, 10 & 25-year guarantee on parts & installation.

Option 2

13. Fenland Leisure Products Ltd (FLP) targets the younger age range. It offers a similar set of equipment to existing including a new zip wire & 4-seater see-saw.
14. The seagull rocker will replace the red climbing frame in the toddler area.
15. The new cantilever/basket swing will be positioned beyond the toddler area where a new surface area will be created.
16. Framework is 65mm in diameter.
17. FLP is proposing to surface the same areas but using two different materials. The fibrefall resin bound rubber surfacing is cheaper than wetpour and enables FLP to keep their costs lower.
18. The equipment is manufactured in Europe and they offer a one-year guarantee on parts & installation.

Public Consultation

19. The outcomes of the consultation on social media so far indicate a preference for option 1.
20. There have been some good suggestions that could be considered including a swing for disabled children and consideration for appropriate materials for example the metal slide may get too hot in the summer months.
21. A number count on the votes and further suggestions from the public consultation will be provided to the meeting.

Costs

22. Option 1 totals £93k excluding a proposed cost of approximately £7k (bark surface) or £12k (wetpour) totalling £100k or £105k.
23. Bark has been recommended as the preferred surface beneath the zip wire for minimising child impact. It is also expected that a discount will be negotiated on the additional cost of the zip wire.
24. Option 2 totals £86,512.

Available Funds

Available Funds	Amount
S106 monies remaining	£113k (Roydon PC allocated £20k)
Community Infrastructure Levy monies	£106k (earmarked £60k for DYCC / Skateboard Park)
Play Equipment Earmarked Reserves	£3k
TOTAL	£142k

25. There are sufficient funds to cover the costs of the most expensive option including a zip wire to leave up to £37k remaining.

Recommendation:
To appoint Proludic to install Option 1 in Diss Park including the zip-wire and the surfacing provided by Abacus.