



**CABINET: 7 JUNE 2006**

**NEW PLAY AREA: JUBILEE FIELD, SWAY**

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 Sway Parish Council has not had a play area for over a year, in its search to find a location for a more appropriate scale of facility on a new site. The Parish Council has approached the Council for the allocation of developer's contributions to assist with the provision of the scheme. Ordinarily, a request of this nature would be determined by a Decision Notice by the Portfolio Holder for Leisure Tourism and the Arts. In this case however, the scheme is located in the Ward which the Portfolio Holder represents and it is a scheme with which he has had sufficient involvement to suggest a decision by Cabinet is the more appropriate approach.

**2. NEW PLAY AREA**

2.1 The proposed site is Jubilee Field. This is a recreation ground which the Parish Council acquired to boost provision in the village. Significant investment was undertaken by the Parish, together with assistance from this Council and external funders. As a result it is now the principal recreation ground for the village.

2.2 The planned project is for a multi-play unit, together with swings, roundabout and individual items of equipment. A fully specified safer surfacing, together with seating, bins, fencing and gates is also part of the scheme. There has been extensive involvement with local people and organisations in the decision over the site and the Parish feel this is the best location. The total cost of the scheme is £34,700. The request is for £29,700 from developers' contributions, the balance being from the Parish Council.

2.3 Jubilee Field is leased by the Parish Council to Jubilee Field Management Committee. Implementation of the scheme is therefore dependent upon clear arrangements which account for the requirements of both parties. That process is underway and it is anticipated that it will be resolved shortly.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are sufficient funds within Sway developers' contributions, to meet the additional cost of £29,700, although should the allocation be made, the remaining sum will be limited (£16,000). The Parish Council understands the implications of this request but regards this scheme as a high priority, as part of their overall approach to open space provision.

#### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The siting of play areas is important and there can be issues of noise and nuisance but the Jubilee Field site is an established recreation ground and there has been extensive consultation.

#### **5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The development of leisure facilities can bring associated anti social behaviour or nuisance issues, from the activity or on occasions the attraction of other people to the site. The arguments presented in the section above, also apply to crime and disorder issues.

#### **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The scheme has been the subject of extensive consultation by the Parish Council who now commend it for support from developers' contributions.

#### **7. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS**

- 7.1 The Portfolio Holder has not been asked for their comments, given the position outlined in Section 1.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the sum of £29,700 be made available from developers' contributions for open space to undertake the provision of a new play area at Jubilee Field, Sway subject to the means of implementation being to the satisfaction of the Director of Community Services and the Head of Legal Services.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Letters from Sway Parish Council:  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
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