

Report To:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Date:	17 OCTOBER 2018
Heading:	CALL-IN OF THE DECISION TAKEN BY CABINET – PLAY STRATEGY FOR THE RURAL AREAS / GREEN SPACE PROJECTS		
Portfolio Holder:	COUNCILLOR HELEN-ANN SMITH, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (OUTWARD FOCUS)		
Ward/s:	SELSTON, UNDERWOOD, JACKSDALE		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	NO		

Purpose of Report

This report provides further information on the proposals approved by Cabinet on the 1 October 2018, regarding the Play Strategy for the rural areas / green space projects. The decision was “called-in” in accordance with the provisions of part 4 of the Council’s Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Rules No. 13 (Call-in).

The report provides a response to the concerns raised in the Call-In regarding proposed green space and play area investment. The proposals are subject to approval through the Council’s Capital Gateway Process to be considered by Council in November 2018.

Appendix A provides full details of the reasons for Call-In.

Appendix B provides further financial details of the proposed funding for each project.

Recommendation(s)

Members are requested to;

- Consider the attached call-in form (Appendix A) submitted on the 4 October 2018 in relation to the decision taken regarding the Play Strategy for the rural areas / green space projects, taking into account the reason(s) specified in the call-in, 4. “Inadequate or Inaccurate information”.
- Consider whether the committee wish to recommend that the decision be altered, amended or adhered to.
- Note the proposals detailed in the report are subject to approval through the Council’s Capital Gateway Process.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To comply with the provisions of part 4 of the Council's Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules No.13 (Call-in)

Alternative Options Considered

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet must consider/reconsider the matter in accordance with the provisions of part 4 of the Council's Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules No.13 (Call-in).

Detailed Information

The Key Projects form part of a four year programme of investment for Ashfield's District's Parks and Open Spaces.

Detailed below are the proposed projects for Year 1 of the programme. All proposals are subject to approval through the Council's Capital Gateway Process and by Cabinet and Council in November. This will identify how the projects will be funded and any impact on the MTFS.

Friezeland Recreation Ground – Gym equipment

The report follows the standard reporting and allocation procedure for Section 106 monies. However to confirm the contribution is from the development: V/2009/0091, Land to the Side and Rear of Sandhills Bar Mansfield Road, Underwood. The agreement states that the contribution must be used for 'the improvement of existing open space and/or the provision of new open space and or the planting of community woodland within the administrative district of Ashfield'

As the funding is Section 106 only it does not affect the MTFS.

Friezeland Recreation Ground – scooter park

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A rural play area plan was developed with the Parish Council to prioritise and rationalise play provision. The plan was completed in July and has informed the Parish Council to make key decisions for phased improvements. This project is identified as a priority within the plan.

Multi Use Games area Main Road Recreation Ground, Jacksdale

The provision of the facility is in response to a request from Selston Parish Council. The Parish Council believes there is a need for additional facilities for young people in the area which continues improvement completed at the Main Road recreation ground in 2017/18.

This project is identified in the rural play area plan as a priority.

Pye Hill Recreation Ground

The rural play area plan identifies this site as surplus and therefore to be removed. This is supported by the play area catchment mapping within the Council's adopted Public Open Space Strategy. The cost of removal is estimated to be approximately £4k - £5k which will be covered by Environment revenue budgets, with no impact on the MTFS.

Jacksdale Car Park Expansion

The provision of the facility is in response to a usage survey undertaken in 2016 led by Selston Parish councillors and volunteers. The usage indicated that the car park was close to capacity at peak times.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Implementation of the proposed projects will support the Council's priorities of Health and Well-being and Communities and Environment.

Legal:

The Call-In has been accepted in accordance with the provisions of part 4 of the Council's Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Rules No. 13 (Call-in). It should also be noted that the proposals detailed within the report form part of a four year programme of investment for Ashfield's District's Parks and Open Spaces and are all subject to approval through the Council's Capital Gateway Process and by Cabinet and Council in November.

Finance:

As detailed below, Please also see Appendix B.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No direct financial implications at this stage. These will be confirmed once the proposed capital schemes have been considered through the Capital Gateway Process. If all of the above schemes are subsequently supported this will require additional net funding of £117,375 which would need to be secured via Prudential Borrowing.
General Fund – Capital Programme	
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	There are no additional General Fund Revenue implications for the schemes in Sutton. Any additional Revenue implications for the schemes in the Rural area will be the responsibility of Selston Parish Council.

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
None identified at this stage.	Not applicable.

Human Resources:

None

Equalities:

None

Other Implications:

None

Reason(s) for Urgency

None

Reason(s) for Exemption

None

Background Papers

Cabinet Report – Play Strategy for the Rural Area / Green Space Projects

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Appendix A – Call-In Form Submitted on the 4 October 2018



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PROCEDURE
CALL-IN OF DECISION (RULE 13)

To: Robert Mitchell, Chief Executive
c. c. Leader of the Council
Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Cabinet Meeting: Monday 1st October 2018

Item Number: 4

Decision to be Called-In: Play Strategy for the Rural Area/Green Space Projects

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule No 13 identifies the normal rules for the call-In of a decision. Please set out the full reasons for your call-In below

1. Contrary to Policy

(please state what the policy is)

2. Contrary to budget

(please give full details)

3. Incorrect information

(please give full details)

4. Inadequate or Inaccurate information

Friezeland Recreation Ground – Gym equipment

The report does not give evidence that the 106 available in The Rurals can be used in Jacksdale or whether it has to be allocated to a different area as part of the agreement with the developer who made the contribution.

A revised MTFs has not been provided showing how this will impact on the MTFs, especially in light of other recent costly initiatives and decisions including the Skips and the new Local Plan.

Friezeland Recreation Ground – scooter park

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There is no evidence of Demand and Usage surveys for the entire District that shows that this park has the greatest need or that it should be a priority, nor is there any given evidence of need.

A revised MTFS has not been provided showing how this will impact on the MTFS, especially in light of other recent costly initiatives and decisions including the Skips and the new Local Plan.

Multi Use Games area Main Road Recreation Ground, Jacksdale

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Pye Hill Recreation Ground

Have costings for the removal and reinstatement of ground been considered and what impact does this have on the MTFS.

Jacksdale Car Park Expansion

No evidence has been provided that shows an increased demand, nor is there any provided evidence of the usage of this car park, to show this has the greatest need for expansion in the District.

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Wharf Road, Stanton Hill

No evidence of a condition Survey has been provided to show there is an urgent need for the repair work.

Evidence has not been provided for the entire District that shows that this is in the top 2 of priorities for repair work.

Brand Lane

Is there a demand survey for the Entire District showing that this road is urgent and the greatest need for parking provision? If so it has not been provided, where is the justification?

No evidence of a business case showing how we recoup the costs of providing parking for private houses.

No evidence to show that tenanted properties in our district do not have a greater need of off-road parking where the road is narrow.

No evidence to say who owns the land where the parking is to be provided. At the Cabinet meeting held on 14th June 2018 Agenda item 6 GENERAL FUND, HRA AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2017/18 Cabinet were asked to note: Transfer of £50k of the General Fund underspend to the Asset Repair and Renewal Reserve to help to meet costs arising from the stock condition survey and **other urgent works** as identified.

Has Wharf Road and Brand Lane been identified as having the most urgent need in our entire District. How does the spending of this affect other urgent or potentially more urgent priorities on our reserves?

Councillors Supporting the Call-In (Five Signatures Required)

Councillor Cheryl Butler
Councillor Catherine Mason
Councillor Keir Morrison
Councillor Don Davis
Councillor Mike Smith

Submitted by Councillor: Cheryl Butler

Date: 4th October 2018

Please return the completed form to Democratic Services: democratic.services@ashfield.gov.uk
In accordance with Rule 13 the Chief Executive will rule on whether this procedure has been properly followed.

Appendix B – Further Financial breakdown for each Proposed Project

Friezeland Recreation Ground - gym equipment

Project cost: £14,000
Amount secured: £10,846
Shortfall: £3,154

The project has a shortfall of £3,154. It is proposed that this amount could be allocated from the Section 106 (£10k) available in the Rurals.

Friezeland Recreation Ground – scooter park

Project cost: £33,600
Amount secured: £15,604
Shortfall: £17,996

It is proposed that the remaining £6,846 of unallocated S106 referred to above could be used for the project, leaving a shortfall of £11,150. If this project is supported through the Gateway Process this £11,150 would be funded through Prudential Borrowing.

Multi Use Games area at Main Road Recreation Ground, Jacksdale

Project Cost £84,000
Amount Secured £3,496 (Selston Parish Council)
Shortfall £80,504

If this project is supported through the Gateway Process this £80,504 would be funded through Prudential Borrowing.

As part of the programme the play area at Pye Hill Recreation Ground, Jacksdale will be removed. The play area is surplus to requirements as the residential areas nearby are mainly covered by the provision at Main Road Recreation Ground and Westwood Recreation Ground, both of which have received significant investment in recent years.

We will continue to support Selston Parish Council with a phased programme to rationalise the number of play areas within the Rural area, focusing on the quality of provision over the number of play areas to meet the needs of communities in the future.

Jacksdale Car Park Expansion

Project Budget £25,721
Amount secured £0
Shortfall £25,721

If this project is supported through the Gateway Process this £25,721 would be funded through Prudential Borrowing. To rationalise and expand the current parking provision adjacent to Jacksdale Community Centre from the current capacity of 37 (plus 2 disabled parking bays) to 55. At peak times there is a shortage of parking at this site which is used for the community centre, doctor's surgery and visitors accessing the walking trails in the area.