






**Leisure & Amenities Committee**

**Bess Road – Toddler Play Refurbishment**

<b>1</b>	<b>PROJECT PROPOSAL</b>
1.1	At its meeting on 13 September 2021, the Leisure and Amenities Committee reviewed Bess Road Toddler Play area.
1.2	The team had highlighted this play area as the best candidate for an upgrade as it has reached the point where further repairs are unlikely to be successful. The Committee considered three proposals for replacement equipment and resolved as follows:
1.3	(Minute 124) RESOLVED that a) Proludic be the preferred provider but that options for accessible equipment are considered within the existing location and budget. b) If there are no significant changes to design or price, that the supply of equipment is recommended to the next available Full Council.
1.4	<p>The design:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>1.</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>2.</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>3.</b></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>4.</b></p>  </div> </div> <p>The original play designers were asked to review their proposals in terms of introducing improved accessibility. There are restrictions on this site in terms of size and the enclosed fenced boundary. As a result there have been few options for improvement.</p> <p>Proludic have advised that the 'Falling Star' springer (no.4) could be replaced with an accessible springer at an additional cost of £700.</p> <p>The accessible springer is described as follows: The J858 can be used by two users at one time, with the added play value of each facing in a different direction. Extremely accessible, thanks to its back supports, hand grips, open front access, and extended seat which allows users to lie down horizontally.</p>

											
<b>2</b>	<b>DESIGNS</b>										
2.1	<p>The final proposal from Proludic for a new fence and gate is as follows:</p> <p><b>Proludic</b></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Equipment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£11,356.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Delivery</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1022.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fencing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 3830.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional equipment swap</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£700.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total supply incl discount</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£15,998.00</b></td> </tr> </table>	Equipment	£11,356.60	Delivery	£ 1022.09	Fencing	£ 3830.00	Additional equipment swap	£700.00	<b>Total supply incl discount</b>	<b>£15,998.00</b>
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<b>4</b>	<b>OPTIONS &amp; IMPACT</b>										
4.1	<p>The Parish Council has the opportunity to apply its team resource and technical skills to a play installation project. This will remove a cost to the project in the region of £6,000. This will serve as a pilot for the Parish Council to consider future use of these technical skills within the team.</p>										
<b>5</b>	<b>COSTS</b>										
5.1	<p>If the impact of diverting the team resource does not have a negative impact on the delivery of day to day services, utilising the existing team skills is a positive way to ensure that costs are minimised and standards are achieved.</p>										
<b>6.</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>										
6.1	<p>The Parish Council has an annual budget of £91,000 for play area upgrades. For 2021-22 this has been earmarked for Bess Road Toddler Play area, and, Rivermead pump track. Currently costs are estimated as</p> <p>Bess Road Toddler Play Area: £15,798.00. West Wheels Pump Track: £46,192 subject to costs staying the same Play Area Renewal funds remaining 21-22: £29,000</p>										
<b>7</b>	<b>FINANCIAL &amp; OTHER IMPLICATIONS</b>										
7.1	<p>This project is within the annual budget allocation and potentially represents an opportunity to maximise existing skills and resources and as a result, minimise expenditure.</p>										

	The Bess Road site will require a wider upgrade in the future and this could maximise opportunities to create more accessible features on the site.
<b>8.</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
8.1	That this Committee notes the information in this report and makes a Recommendation to Council for the purchase of the Proludic design at £15,998.00.

Paula Harrison, Parish Manager