

**CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S
REPORT TO CABINET**

DATE: 6th September 2024

Report Title: Bradwell Dingle Play and Recreational Facility Improvements

Submitted by: Service Director - Neighbourhood Delivery

Portfolios: Sustainable Environment

Ward(s) affected: Bradwell

<u>Purpose of the Report</u>	<u>Key Decision</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To seek authority to deliver a project to improve play and recreational facilities at Bradwell Dingle.			
<u>Recommendation</u>			
That Cabinet:			
1) Approves the principles of the scheme for play and recreational facilities at Bradwell Dingle			
2) Authorises officers to appoint a consultant to undertake further consultation, detailed design, and delivery of the project.			
3) Approves the use of the allocated £492,419.00 Section 106 funding for the delivery of the project.			
4) Delegates to the Service Director, Neighbourhood Delivery, to approve the detailed design in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment			
5) Authorises officers to seek and accept the best value tender for the delivery of the project.			
<u>Reasons</u>			
To deliver play and recreational facility improvements to Bradwell Dingle in line with the needs of residents and users of the site.			

1. Background

- 1.1** Bradwell Dingle is a neighbourhood park within the Bradwell ward, which contains a range of play facilities, a multi-use games area and a kick-about area. Many of these facilities were last updated over 10 years ago.

- 1.2 Over several years, the skate equipment on Bradwell Dingle has deteriorated and this has led to the removal of these facilities. A small amount of capital funding had previously been allocated to replace this equipment.
- 1.3 Ward members and the Friends of Bradwell Dingle instigated a project to encompass the entire site, rather than just look to replace the skate park. A draft set of proposed facilities was agreed, and a consultation was undertaken with the wider community, the results of which were collated in the summer of 2023.

2. Issues

- 2.1 From the consultation results, 97% of the consultees agreed that the facilities on the site should be improved and that 87% agreed with the draft set of proposed facilities for the site. In total 102 people responded to the consultation. The initial list of potential improvements for further consultation include:
- Skate improvements/wheeled sports
 - Improvements to existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
 - Community garden
 - Play improvements
 - CCTV
 - Kickabout area improvements and possible creation of second kickabout area
 - Outdoor gym kit
- 2.2 Section 106 (S106) funds in the sum of £492,419 were secured in relation to the residential development of the Knype Way site, which is close to Bradwell Dingle. It is a requirement of the Section 106 agreement that the funds are to be specifically used to improve open space facilities at Bradwell Dingle. Since the consultation was undertaken, these funds have been received and will cover the costs of the proposed new facilities, including project management of the detailed design and implementation phase of the project.
- 2.3 To enable the delivery of the project within available resources, it is proposed to engage consultants to refine the proposals, undertake a further consultation on the detailed plan, and for the consultant to tender and project manage the agreed scheme on site.
- 2.4 The consultant will be required to undertake a further consultation with residents and users and a more targeted consultation with younger users of the site, to ensure that all users have a say in the proposed facilities for the site, and that the final scheme caters for as wide a range of needs as possible.
- 2.5 Once the consultant is appointed and the consultation completed a final detailed design will be created, and it is proposed to approve this in consultation with the portfolio holder.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Approval of the principles of the scheme for play and recreational facilities at Bradwell Dingle

- 3.2 Authority is given to officers to appoint a consultant to undertake further consultation, detailed design, and delivery of the project.
- 3.3 Approval of the use of the allocated £492,419.00 Section 106 funding from the Knype Way development for the delivery of the project.
- 3.4 Delegation is given to the Service Director, Neighbourhood Delivery, to approve the detailed design in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment.
- 3.5 Authority is given to seek and accept the best value tender for the delivery of the project.

4. **Reasons**

- 4.1 To deliver play and recreational facility improvements to Bradwell Dingle in line with the needs of the residents / users of the site.

5. **Options Considered**

- 5.1 To implement the project as outlined in the report and provide a facility that better suits the needs of the residents and users of the site.
- 5.2 To do nothing and therefore risk failure to respond to the needs of the residents and users of the site.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 6.1 There are no legal or statutory implications arising from this report.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 7.1 There are no negative implications arising from this report, the improved facilities should improve the access and usability of the site for users. The consultation process will seek to engage with users and potential users.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 8.1 A capital sum of £492,419 has been secured and received specifically for open space improvements to Bradwell Dingle through a Section 106 Agreement from the nearby Knype Way development. A further sum is due to be paid towards the maintenance of the improvements, from the same agreement, upon occupation of the first dwelling.
- 8.2 The estimated cost of the project is £370,000 and the estimated cost of the consultant for the delivery of the project is £40,000, both of which can be met from the Section 106 Agreement funding for the site.

9. **Major Risks & Mitigation**

- 9.1 The major risks associated with the project are:
 - Failure to appoint a suitable consultant to enable the delivery of the project, which would put additional strain on the Council's existing staff

resources for the delivery. A similar project is currently being delivered with a consultant, which provides confidence that suitable consultants are interested in delivering projects of this nature.

- Failure to spend the allocated Section 106 Agreement funds on the site, which is a specified requirement of the Section 106 Agreement. The proposal facilitates the spend of the available funding.
- Failure to appoint a suitable contractor for the delivery of the project. Working with a consultant provides access to a wider range of suitable contractors for projects of this nature.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

10.1 The project addresses, 3 and 11 of the goals



11. Key Decision Information

11.1 The decision is not a key decision as only one ward is impacted by the proposals.

12. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

12.1 There are no earlier resolutions associated with this report.

13. List of Appendices

13.1 None

14. Background Papers

14.1 None.