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**5TH MARCH 2001**

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**HIGHFIELDS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND – NEW FENCE**

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**Report of the Director of Arts and Leisure**

**1 Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for essential Capital Programme Works to the perimeter fence for the Highfields Adventure Playground.

**2 Summary**

As part of the 2000/2001 Playgrounds Capital Programme of £100,000, an allocation of £30,000 was set aside for the provision of a new perimeter fence for the Highfields Adventure Playground. A new perimeter fence is required, as the existing fence does not meet with the Health and Safety requirements of the Social Services Department's registration criteria following a recent inspection of the premises in accordance with the Children Act.

**3 Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:-

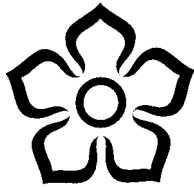
Approve the expenditure of £30,000 from the Playgrounds Capital Programme for the provision of a new perimeter fence for the Highfields Adventure Playground.

**4 Financial & Legal Implications**

There is already an allocation of the required funds for the provision of the new fence. Additionally the new fence is required so that the organisation is able to meet its requirements under the Children's Act.

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The Highfields Adventure Playground is a major voluntary organisation funded through the Arts and Leisure Services Department. As part of the Organisation's operation they are required to have regular inspections from the Social Services Department. Following such an inspection it was determined that the perimeter fence of the organisation, which borders Spinney Hill Park, was unsatisfactory as it does not deter people from climbing over. Further that the undergrowth currently around the perimeter fence (which is there as a deterrent) actually stops staff from keeping the outside area safe from broken glass etc. The current fence is also unsatisfactory due to the top of the fence having spikes. The Project is based in a conservation area and the fence design has to meet particular standards to comply with conservation requirement.

This report is seeking authority to spend an allocation of £30,000 that has already been established so that a new fence can be erected that will solve the problems identified and ensure that the organisation is in compliance with Social Services registration requirements.

Although seeking planning approval, specific to the conservation area has delayed the progress of the work, planning permission, cost of the works and the receipts of tenders have already happened and officers are now seeking committee approval to authorise spend. The works will be closely monitored to ensure the work is completed as soon as possible to maximise the expenditure in the current financial year.

**FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**1 Financial Implications**

As already indicated in substantive report.

**2 Legal Implications**

As already indicated in substantive report

### 3 Other Implications

None

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCES WITHIN SUPPORTING PAPERS
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	Planning permission already granted for approved scheme.
Crime and Disorder	Yes	Will help reduce crime.
Human Rights Act	No	

### 4 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Project Files held within the Community Projects Team

### 5 Consultations

None