

## ITEM 4

### PLAY AREA REVIEW GROUP

25 SEPTEMBER 2012

#### REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE – PLAY AREA REVIEW GROUP

1. To review the Council's Play Area Strategy and associated Planning Policy and guidance.
  - To review existing and new play area provision to ensure that relevant strategies, guidance and procedures, play facility types, additional facilities (car parks, toilets etc), and existing and new locations are fit for purpose and meet the needs of the whole community.
  - To consider sustainability, maintenance and replacement policies and how maintenance costs could be provided for the lifespan of a play area.
2. To consider the Council's approach to play area provision for:
  - (a) New Sites:
    - Siting of new play areas
    - Siting new play areas alongside other community facilities e.g. cafes, community facilities, public toilets etc.
    - Location
    - Funding mechanisms
    - Life-time maintenance costs / budgeting
    - Type of play area
    - Age-appropriate play equipment
  - (b) Existing Sites
    - Siting of existing play areas
    - Maintenance of existing sites and allocation of maintenance budget
    - Compliance with current and proposed policy
    - Assessment of successful play areas and those that have caused some concern:
      - (i) Broughton Gate Skate park
      - (ii) Middleton Play Area
      - (iii) Walnut Tree
3. To assess how the Council engages with the community in respect of new and existing play area provision e.g. the type of play provision to

be provided at a new site or replacement equipment / re-development at an existing site.

4. To evaluate the Council's approach to play areas and feed into the Council's consideration of a Play Strategy to be considered by the Cabinet in January 2013.
5. To Review and recommend changes to policy where appropriate.