

## PLAY AREA REVIEW GROUP

### DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Proposed Terms of Reference for discussion:

1. To review the Council's Play Area Strategy and associated Planning Policy and guidance.
  - To review existing 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.
2. To consider the Council's approach to play area provision in respect of type, age-appropriate play equipment and the siting of play areas.
  - To assess how the Council engages with the community in respect of play area provision.
  - To consider the siting of future play areas alongside other community facilities e.g cafes, community centres, toilets etc.
  - To consider whether some types of play provision may be better provided by alternative means e.g devolving responsibility of play areas to Parish/Town Councils or alternative organisations.
  - To consider the relationship between play areas and anti-social behaviour.
  - To look at play areas that have caused some concerns and identify lessons learnt. Particular sites include:
    - i. Broughton Gate Skate facility
    - ii. Middleton Local Play Area
    - iii. Walnut Tree
3. To review how the Council maintains its play areas and to assess how it allocates its maintenance budget.
  - To consider sustainability, maintenance of replacement policies and how maintenance costs could be provided for the lifespan of a play area.