

ITEM 7

PLAY AREA REVIEW GROUP

25 SEPTEMBER 2012

REVIEW GROUP WORK PLAN

Set out below is a summary of the work that has been undertaken by the Review Group and to issues to be considered at future meetings.

Review Group Work Plan	
Date	Item
6 September 2012	First meeting – to consider current policies and strategies relating to play area provision.
13 September 2012	Site Inspections
	The Review Group to visit a number of play area sites throughout the Borough
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Broughton Skate Plaza – this is an area where a number of complaints have been received by residents of noisy play.2. Claridge Park – this play area was closed due to anti-social behaviour. It is an example of where an impact assessment could have highlighted some of the issues that have arisen at the site.3. Drive past Oakgrove new development site – to consider the site and discuss how concerns may be avoided.4. Bradwell Common – one of the borough's older sites. The Group will consider at the next meeting what can be done about the older play areas that have little flexibility for change.5. Piggot Drive, Shenley Church End – An example of where the Fix-it team have renovated one of the older play areas at little cost.6. Site at Garden behind Community Centre – CMK – an example that was outside of council policy but was granted by the development control committee based on the wishes and needs of the local community.7. Two Mile Ash play area – An example of a good quality play area that provides excellent facilities for the local community.
25 September 2012	Play Area Review Group meeting – focussing on existing play areas and their compliance with current policies. To consider how to deal with older areas that have little flexibility for change and to look at issues around renovation, redevelopment and consolidation of play

	areas. Also to consider issues around those areas that have cause for concern.
October 2012	Play Area Review Group meeting -
	To consider issues around maintenance and life-span of play area facilities. Possibly look at finance and budgeting issues and the council's approach to play area spend.
November 2012	Play Area Review Group Meeting
	To recommend amendments to play area strategies and policies as appropriate.
	To feed into the Play Strategy which is to be considered by Cabinet in January 2012
November 2012	Final meeting to approve report and recommendations (if necessary)