

3 Year Capital Programme - Play Area Equipment to be purchased or replaced 2024-25

A 3-year Capital Programme was prepared, which identified various items for purchase or replacement over the next 3 financial years. Some items were identified for the financial year 2024-25 as follows:

- Chestnut Drive Play Area – additional piece of equipment following the refurbishment.
- Jubilee Field – Replacement of seesaw with ground recessed trampoline and replacement of the 1 bay 2 seat toddler swings and 1 bay, 2 seat junior swings where deteriorating bolts and fittings and chain wear have been identified during inspection.
- Orchard Way – Horizontal agility ladder not compliant with current standards and some safety concerns raised re this type of equipment, and Junior swings becoming worn although no safety concerns identified.
- Worcester Crescent – Multiplay not compliant with current standards and beginning to rust.

Chestnut Drive:

This is a younger age play park, and a seesaw might be a good option. For aged 18 months to 6 years, initial online investigation suggests that equipment costs start from £850 plus fitting for a single and range from £1,145 for a mini double to £2,967 for a larger double with prices in-between depending on style i.e. double sea horse is £1,967 plus fitting. There is £2,651.50 remaining in the Chestnut Drive reserve following the refurbishment. Depending on cost, any shortfall could be funded from the Capital budget.

Jubilee Field:

- Trampoline, initial online investigation indicates costs for a ground recessed trampoline range from around £2,500 for a small recessed to £6,350 for a large recessed, plus fitting. There will be disposal costs for the current seesaw and digging out of the tyre stops.
- Swing costs are based on costs charged for the Chestnut refurbishment at around £3,000 for a 1 bay, 2 swing set up including fitting and two would be required – 1 toddler and 1 junior. There will be disposal costs for the current equipment.

There is currently £30,488.74 in the Jubilee Field Reserves, this excludes the Skatepark S106 funds, which are held in a separate reserve.

Orchard Way:

- The replacement of the agility ladder to be considered as part of the S106 funds paper prepared for the April 2024 Council meeting.
- Swing replacement costs as above.

There is £6,250 in the Orchard Way Reserve.

Worcester Crescent:

Multiplay replacement cost of £6,000 based on cost paid for Chestnut Drive multiplay as part of the recent refurbishment. In addition, there will be a disposal cost. The multiplay does not comply with current standards and the January Play Area inspection highlighted that the steps and barriers are beginning to rust, and it will need replacing within 12 months. It has also been highlighted that the bin is starting to rust and will also need replacing, estimated cost for this will be around £350 based on Jubilee Field bin cost in 2023. Estimated overall cost is around £6,350, there is £6,125 in the Worcester Crescent Reserve, and any potential shortfall could be funded from the Capital budget.

The Capital budget allocation for 2024-25 is £8,500 for Play Area Equipment & Development.

If there is agreement to proceed with any/all the above or alternative suggestions approved , the Clerk will obtain quotes and bring these back to Council for consideration.

It should be noted that there may be additional costs for replacement surfaces, as required as well as disposal costs for old equipment.

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