

GRAFTON STREET PLAY AREA DISCRETIONARY WARD BUDGET

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request an allocation of £5,000 Discretionary Ward Budget to provide new accessible swings at Grafton Street Park.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Grafton Street Play Area is an important recreational space for the community.
- 2.2 The current play equipment was provided in 2012.
- 2.3 As part of the routine safety inspection of the play area, signs of timber decay were found in the frame of the dish swing. (November 2023)
- 2.4 Given the age of the timber frame there is not considered to be a cost effective repair option and the frame needs to be removed.
- 2.5 There is an opportunity and community need to enhance the play offer at Grafton Street Play Area.
- 2.6 It is proposed that a new double bay swing be installed within the play space. The swing frame will be fitted with;
- A basket nest seat that allows children of a wide range of age and abilities to enjoy. A single user or group of children can play together, encouraging socialising and interaction.
 - Mirage swing seat. This ergonomic swing seat is specifically designed to give children fully body support offering an inclusive swinging experience for children of varying abilities. Please see Appendix A for more details.

3. PROJECT COSTS

- 3.1 The total project cost to supply and install the double bay swing frame on safer surface is £15,000.
- 3.2 £10,000 is secured to this project. An allocation of £5,000 from Discretionary Ward Budget would allow for the project to be delivered before May 2024.
- 3.3 The £5,000 contribution would be used to purchase the swing frame and associated swing seats. The swing set would be received prior to April 2024.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Area Committee are recommended to allocate £5,000 of Discretionary Ward Budget to play area improvements and the purchase of a double bay swing frame at Grafton Street Play Area.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Richard Booker on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4829 or alternatively email richard.booker@stockport.gov.uk