

**DISCRETIONARY WARD BUDGET - INCLUSIVE WHEELCHAIR ROUNDABOUT**

Report of the Director of Place Management

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Request for the allocation of Ward Discretionary Budget (Bredbury Green and Romiley) towards the installation of a wheelchair accessible roundabout in Romiley Park Play Area.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Romiley Park Play Area is an important Neighbourhood Equipped Play Space serving residents in the ward and surrounding areas.
- 2.2 Stockport Council have worked closely with stakeholders to improve the play quality and value of the play space. Creating play opportunities for children of a wider range of abilities.
- 2.3 The play space currently features a swing dish seat, which provides additional body support and allows children of different abilities to swing together or for a child to be accompanied by a parent, grandparent or carer.
- 2.4 The mirage full body swing seat has recently been fitted in the play area. An ergonomic swing that can be used by all but seat specifically designed to cater to children with disabilities.
- 2.5 The request for the award of Ward Discretionary Budget will be used install a wheelchair accessible roundabout. The model of roundabout is one that has been successfully used at eight other play spaces in the borough, the first being installed two years ago.
- 2.6 This inclusive wheelchair roundabout can accommodate a wheelchair and carers. Two users can sit and more can stand if they choose to do so. The wide central space facilitates a range of wheelchairs. Bump stops on both sides give a position to apply the wheelchair roundabout brakes. The 'roll on roll off' design enables users to exit in a forward position.
- 2.7 The roundabout is also fitted with a scooter attachment that provides a more challenging play experience. Please see Appendix A for details of the play item.
- 2.8 In 2024, works will also be undertaken to make play area improvements at Goyt Valley Play Area. A report will be prepared for the June Area Committee detailing the works that will be delivered and the options for increasing the scope of the works should additional funding be available from Delegated Budget.

**3. PROJECT COSTS**

- 3.1 The total project cost will be £13,000.

- 3.2 The allocation of £7,750 Discretionary Ward Budget (Bredbury Green and Romiley) would be matched with secured commuted sum and play revenue budget and would allow for the delivery of the play area improvement.
- 3.3 The play area improvement would be delivered by August 2024.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Area Committee is requested to recommend that the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources approves the allocation of £7,750 from the Ward Discretionary Budget (Bredbury Green and Romiley) as a contribution towards the installation of a new wheelchair accessible roundabout in Romiley Park Play Area.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none.

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