

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 16 May 2022

Title: Quarry Road Play Area - Additional Equipment

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Background

At the Parks and Recreation Committee held on 7 March 2022, the Committee resolved that a new piece of equipment should be progressed at Quarry Road Play Area as the top priority in a review of play facilities across Witney (OSS Action IS1).

Current Situation

Whilst members of the public had expressed a preference for one of three indicative designs, the Council's financial regulations require comparative quotations.

The preferred design is exclusive to the company who provided the quotation and therefore the Project Officer has obtained quotes from two other companies for broadly similar equipment.

Officers would also like to offer another option to the Committee. As previously discussed, the equipment currently in the park is likely to require renewal in five years and outing in new equipment at this point will limit what can be achieved in terms of redesign. Therefore, rather than putting in equipment into the play park, the additional proposal is to put a trim trail (exactly like the one in Park Road) outside of the actual area of the park itself, closer to the trees. This would leave the possibilities for what can be achieved with the existing park open, as well as providing a great piece of additional equipment for the children. The Maintenance and Environmental Services Officer has confirmed that the Works Team would be able to fit all options of equipment.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

There are no environmental issues other than those previously considered by the Committee on the renewal of play equipment.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

There is risk that if new pieces of equipment are put into the park, they will need to be moved when the park as a whole is renewed. There is potential for some damage to occur.

Financial implications

➤ £5,000 has been earmarked by the Council for new equipment at Quarry Road Play Area.

The costs for the options are as follows: -

	Equipment	Cost (exc. Vat)	Delivery	Discount (if applicable)	Additional	Final Cost
Option 1a	Springy and Climbing hut	£3, 196.50	£319.65	£525.97	£331.06 Total for grass mat safety surface (required due to fall height of climbing hut)	£3, 321.24
Option 1b	Trim trail to be sited outside the park	£4, 496.71	£449.67	£674.51		£4, 271.87
Option 2a	Frog Springy and fun buggy	£2, 369.00	£142.14			£2,511.14
Option 2b	Faithful Friend Springy and fun buggy	£2, 309.00	£138.54			£2, 447.54
Option 3	UniMini Qaron house and elephant springy	£3, 784.36	£349.28			£4, 133.44

- All options will require a post installation inspection to ensure correct installation and check compliance with modern standards. RoSPA currently charges £395 plus VAT.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider which option the Committee would like to proceed with.