

Subject: Open Space & Play Equipment
Contributions: A Consultation Draft
Supplementary Planning Document
(SPD)

Status: For Publication

Report to: Policy Scrutiny

Date: 4th March 2008

Report of: Executive Director of Regulatory Services

Portfolio

Holder: Portfolio Holder for Regenerating and Promoting Rossendale

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet approval to publicly consult on the Draft SPD for Open Space and Play Equipment Contributions for a period of six weeks in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.2 The report seeks approval of the Consultation Draft SPD to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Executive Director of Regulatory Services.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement) through ensuring applicants are clear on the Councils policies;
 - Delivering Regeneration across the Borough (Economy, Housing) through the use of monies secured through the SPD;
 - Keeping Our Borough Clean and Green (Environment)
 - Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live and visit (Economy) by encouraging and achieving high quality development;
 - Improving health and well being across the Borough (Health, Housing) through the provision of better open spaces and play equipment for our residents;
 - Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network) by having robust and clear policies in place to use.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The SPD for Open Space and Play Equipment Contributions will be an essential tool in achieving the regeneration of Rossendale. To not consult on the draft SPD would result in the failure of its progression to adoption without the full weight of the consultation process. This would not adhere to the requirements Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) or government guidance.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The purpose of this SPD is to set out clearly where and how the Council will expect developers to contribute to the provision of open space and play equipment as part of their development where appropriate.

4.2 The requirement to provide contributions will be based on the findings of the recent Open Space and play Equipment Strategies brought before Cabinet on 23rd January 2008.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

5.1 No comments on the report.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 By involving our customers in the preparation of this document through consultation, the Councils policies will be clearer and easier to understand, ensuring that our customers are aware of what types of open space and play equipment contributions the Council will expect in the future.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

7.1 There are no human resources implications.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The draft SPD will be consulted upon widely in line with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to ensure the final SPD will deliver the programme of improved Open Space and Play Equipment provision.

8.2 The consultation period will feed into the process of preparing the final SPD which will be available to everyone involved in the planning process. It will provide for the receipt of contributions, to ensure that the objectives and regeneration priorities of the Council are delivered.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 The Cabinet notes the a Draft Supplementary Planning Document for Open Space and Play Equipment Contributions is proposed for consultation in line with the SCI.

9.2 That approval of this Draft SPD for consultation purposes be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and the Executive Director of Regulatory Services.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 This stage is the initial and only consultation exercise that will be carried out on this document, until such a time as it is updated and/ or replaced.

10.2 After the six week consultation has taken place and appropriate amendments made (where necessary), a finalised document will be brought back before Cabinet for its adoption later this year.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes

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12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required Yes

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Open Space Strategy Play Equipment Strategy	Council Offices