

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	7 October 2014
Title:	Play Area Strategy
Contact Officer:	Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of the Report:

1. To approve the Play Area Strategy.

Background

2. The Play Area Strategy (appendix 1 attached) has been reviewed and updated and is based on the Play Area Strategy 2010-2014. The document gives focus to the needs of children and young people within Thame.

Resource Appraisal

3. Within the Play Area Strategy a priority listing is detailed for play area sites that have not yet been refurbished. It is an aim to bring them up to standard in consultation with local residents, particularly children and young people.
4. There is limited provision of play for young people within the current sites and this can result in anti-social behavior and nuisance within the town.
5. Refurbishment of play areas will ensure that facilities are inclusive for disabled users and people from disadvantaged sections of the community.

Risk Assessment

6. The Play Area Strategy details the safety standards that apply to the play equipment to ensure a safe play environment for children and young people and that a plan is detailed to ensure replacement of any play equipment not meeting the standards.
7. The financial implications of the Play Area Strategy are detailed within the report. Budgeting for replacement of play equipment and improvements to play areas will be required to ensure that the strategy is successful. Funding from external sources will also form an integral part of the strategy.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

Recommendation:

- i) To approve the Play Area Strategy.***