

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	11 February 2020
Title:	South Pole Play Area, Southern Road
Contact Officer:	Andrea Oughton, Asset Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to replace the large Rotator Bowl in the South Pole Play Area at Southern Road.

Background

2. The Rotator Bowl was installed as part of the refurbishment of the whole play area in 2008. The RoSPA Inspection carried out in October 2019 identified the central pivot / post as being very loose and rocking excessively with the potential to collapse. The risk level was recorded as high with a risk score of 15 (see appendix 1).
3. The RoSPA report further identified the poor condition of the paintwork and cracking to the wet pour surface.

Proposal

4. To replace the Rotator Bowl with an inclusive roundabout. The roundabout is constructed from zinc-sprayed and powder coated steel with a flush deck to allow easy access and space for a wheelchair. The roundabout can accommodate up to four children of all abilities and conforms to the Disability Discrimination Act and Equality Act guidelines. Repairs to the wet pour will also be undertaken.



Resource Appraisal

5. The total cost to break out and dispose of the Rotator Bowl, supply and fit an inclusive roundabout and repair the wet pour surface will be £6,418.00 + VAT. The new equipment has guarantees covering different components for between 2yr-25years.

6. It is proposed the new equipment is funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Currently £9,781.61 of CIL funding has been received specifically for play equipment.
7. It is possible to repair the Rotator Bowl. The total cost to strip down the equipment, replace the bearings and re-fit the play equipment will be £2,400.00 + VAT. However, the cost does not include repainting the equipment and repairs to the cracked wet pour surface which is expected to be approximately £2,000. Repairs are not covered by guarantee.

Risk Assessment

8. Failure of the Rotator Bowl resulting in a personal injury claim on the Town Council. Replacing the equipment will not only reduce the risk of injury but will provide an inclusive piece of play equipment for children of all abilities.

Legal Powers: Legal Government (Misc. Provs.) Act 1976 s19

Recommendation:

- j) To approve the replacement of the Rotator Bowl with an inclusive roundabout at a cost of £6,418.00 to be met from Community Infrastructure Levy funds.***