

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024  
 title: SABDEN CHILDRENS PLAY AREA  
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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority from Members to release Section 106 contributions for improvements to the equipped play area in Sabden.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When planning permission was secured to redevelop the former Victoria Mill in Sabden (ref: 3/2018/0361) the associated Section 106 Agreement secured a commuted sum of £17,785 for public open space.

- 2.2 The clauses of the Section 106 Agreement require the Council:

- 2.2.1 To apply the Public Open Space Contributions towards the improvement and future maintenance of existing play facilities and youth activities in Sabden provided that if the Public Open Space Contribution has not been utilised or committed for such purposes within five years of it being received by the Council to repay the person who made the payment or his nominee any part of the Public Open Space Contribution not so used within 28 days of the end of the five year period;

### 3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Sabden Parish Council are responsible for the existing equipped play area located on Sabden Park within a central location in the Village. In November 2020 the Parish Council approached the Local Planning Authority to request part of the public open space contribution for the following improvements to the play area:

- 3.1.1 Installation of a 6050-062 High Pedestal Slide, safety surfacing and associated ground works  
 3.1.2 Supply and lay Notts Sport Childsplay 60 under existing swings onto existing safety surface. This is due to the fact that the existing surface is cracking, separating and shrinking.

- 3.2 The total costs of the works are:

- 3.2.1 Slide= £10,045.66  
 3.2.2 Safety Surface= £3,055  
 3.2.3 **TOTAL= £13,100.66**

- 3.3 Planning and Development Committee authorised the payment of invoice(s) from Sabden Parish Council following completion of play area improvements above up to the amount of £13,100.66 from the S106 commuted sum. This left £4,684.34 of the commuted sum remaining.

- 3.4 However only £11,068.48, in line with the invoice provided, has been claimed by the Parish Council and as such £6,716.52 of the commuted sum is remaining. The Parish Council are requesting the full amount of commuted sum remaining.

3.5 The Parish Council have now requested the remaining commuted sum to assist with the cost of installing a trim & agility trail comprising of a series of pieces of equipment aimed at 11-14yr olds. The total cost of the project is £14,247.09 for supply and installation and associated ground works and grass matting. A quote from Kompan has been provided as part of the request.

3.6 The Parish Council is also seeking funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) to part fund the project. This request was considered by Policy and Finance Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> April. If the REPF application is unsuccessful the Parish Council have confirmed that the project will be scaled back to bring it in line with the S106 funding available.

#### 4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – The £17,785 commuted sum was received by the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. £11,068.48 has been passported to the Parish Council already as per the previous resolution of this Committee and as such there is £6,716.52 remaining.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal - The project would accord with the stipulations of the legal agreement whilst retaining some of the contribution for future improvements in the Village.
- Political - N/A
- Reputation - The provision of improved play space facilities within the Village is seen as a benefit and accords with the purpose of securing off site open space contributions as part of new residential developments.
- Equality and Diversity - N/A

#### 5. **RECOMMENDED THAT Committee**

5.1 Authorise the payment of invoice(s) from Sabden Parish Council following the completion of play area improvements set out within paragraph 3.5 within 28 working days of receipt, upto the amount of £6,716.52, the remainder of the commuted sum payment.

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