



## Item No. 22

Council – 12 November 2020

### Community Budget Capital “Play”

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A Meeting of Swansea Council’s Cabinet on 17 September 2020 approved the [Councillor’s Community Budget – Play](#) report which provided an additional £1m under the community budget capital scheme ring-fenced specifically to support play schemes and facilities. Councillor Gareth Sullivan has asked that this item be added to the agenda.
- 1.2 In his role as Llangyfelach Ward Councillor for Swansea Council, he has expressed an interest in the Community Budget Capital “Play” Scheme (**Appendix A**) and asked that the Llangyfelach Community Council consider the matter.
- 1.3 The Swansea Council Scheme allows for an amount not exceeding £30,000 per Ward per year to be drawn from a capital budget to spend on upgrading play facilities within a Ward. The capital contribution cannot represent more than 80% of the total costs of the scheme with the balance being derived from other sources which could include grant, revenue community budget allocation or wider community donations.

#### 2. Playgrounds within Llangyfelach Community Council’s Area

- 2.1 There are two Playgrounds within the Llangyfelach Community Council area. Both are owned by Swansea Council. As of 27 October 2020, the Parks have been assessed by Swansea Council and given a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) Status.
- 2.2 The Bryn Glas Playground is in the Amber category whilst the Llangyfelach Playground at Fairview Road is in the Red category.

Site Name	Address	Postcode	Category
Bryn Glas PG	Bryn Glas	SA6 6BQ	LAP
Llangyfelach PG	Fairview Road	SA5 7JJ	LAP

- 2.3 The Category “LAP” relates to “A Local Area for Play”. This is a small area of open space for young children (mainly 4-6 year olds) to play games such as tag, hopscotch, French cricket or play with outdoor toys. The activity zone should be reasonably flat, have a grass surface, and minimum area of 100m<sup>2</sup>.

**3. Scheme Criteria**

3.1 The Scheme Criteria is set out in **Appendix B** of this report. The full Swansea Council Cabinet Report may be viewed at [Councillor's Community Budget – Play](#).

4. **Recommendation.** It is recommended that:

4.1 It is recommended that Council consider this scheme.

**Appendices**

Appendix A	Community Budget Capital Expression of Interest - Play Budget
Appendix B	Scheme Criteria

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**Community Budget Capital Expression of Interest  
Play Budget**

<b>Ward</b>	Llangyfelach
<b>Councillor names (include all Cllrs supporting the schemes)</b>	Gareth Sullivan
<b>Scheme heading</b>	Llangyfelach & Pontlliw
<b>Brief description e.g. construct new, refurbish existing etc.</b>	Renew / Replace existing playground equipment
<b>Estimate total cost of scheme (if known)</b>	TBC
<b>Amount of capital budget sought (max £30,000)</b>	30K
<b>Would you like this application to be “swapped” with a previous “play” approved capital project? if so please provide brief details</b>	
<b>Any further comments</b>	

## Appendix B

### Scheme Criteria

1. The eligibility criteria in place would be the same as set out for revenue funding under the main scheme. In addition they would need to satisfy the criteria for capital projects as set out in the Council's financial procedure rules i.e. the work is intended to "add" to the asset such as new equipment or maintain the longevity of an asset by replacing something that already exists. Acquisition of assets or donations are not permitted from this budget.
2. As the project will be capital in nature the minimum scheme value would be £20,000.
3. There would be a cap on the amount that can be drawn from a capital budget of a maximum of £30,000 **per ward** per year. The capital contribution cannot represent more than 80% of the total costs of the scheme with the balance being derived from other sources which could include grant, revenue community budget allocation or wider community donations.
4. No more than 2 such schemes can be approved for a single ward in any financial year i.e. one or two scheme(s) drawing a maximum of £30,000.
5. Once the budget has been fully committed no further schemes can be considered until a new allocation is made. A deadline or series of deadline may be declared to allow a phasing approach to bid consideration.
6. In year one of the scheme projects would be eligible provided they have not physically commenced on site.
7. Any capital budget remaining at the end of the council term will be rolled over to the next cycle and added to any new amounts allocated.
8. Decisions as to eligibility for each submitted scheme would be delegated to the leader, Cabinet member for Investment, Regeneration and Tourism, Cabinet Member with the responsibility for Community budgets, and Director of Place. In the event of the scheme being submitted in one of the respective wards then the deputy leader would sit on the panel.
9. In the event of more approved bids that the remaining money available the panel could decide to "ration" the approval on pro rata basis.
10. As the schemes are likely to be larger than normal community budget projects a deadline will be set for final submission and approval of schemes 1 year prior to the end of the municipal term.

In addition, as this budget is ring-fenced to "play" the following additional criteria are proposed

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1. Scheme must be on council owned land although if the asset has been transferred to a community group such the project would still be permissible.
2. Schemes could include the refurbishment of existing playgrounds/ equipment enhancements of related facilities or the creation of a new facility subject to the overall funds being available.
3. Members will be provided with an overview of their current facilities within their ward to assist in their decision making or priorities.
4. Any additional revenue implications would need to be dealt with in the same way as outlined within the overarching community budget scheme.
5. As no resources currently exist to manage this new strand it is suggested that a project manager is appointed to coordinate the delivery of the programme funded out of the overall budget. The recruitment process is underway.
6. In line with the guidance contained within the community budget scheme approved by Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 if wards wish to collaborate on schemes that will be considered on a case by case basis but the assumption would be the spend would normally be contained within a ward boundary.

Finally, please note that you may have already submitted a “play” scheme under the first capital request. If you wish to you can move this to this budget and replace it with another scheme or indeed merge it doubling the value of the scheme. Please outline this on the attached so we can discuss in more detail.