

Corporate Capital Grants Scheme * new application

Town:	Cuckfield
Title of project:	Playground Refurbishments
Applicant:	Chapelfields Residents' Association
Type of applicant:	Unincorporated Association
Previous Grants in past 6 years:	None
Grant Request to MSDC	£13,250 (76%)
Total project cost:	£17,412

Financial Summary

Sources of funding and whether secured

Chapelfields Residents Association (secured)	£4,162
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Summary of project proposal and aims:

Grant toward upgrading and improving the equipment at the Chapelfields play area.

Background

Chapelfields Residents Association (CRA) was formed in 2009 to represent the interests of the 67 freehold owners of Blunden Drive, Burrell Green, Callender Walk, Chapelfields Nos 46-54 and Farr Close and deal with the day to day management of the communal areas.

The playground was provided by the developer of the properties and is managed by the residents association. The existing equipment was installed in the late 1990's and is not particularly suitable or appealing to younger children. The residents was to upgrade and improve the play area by removing some of the older equipment and replacing it with new, more stimulating equipment with play value better suited to children aged three years and above.

The equipment will be multifunctional offering more exciting play, allowing the children to use their imaginations and develop their motor skills. It will be made of wood so that it blends with the existing landscape and will incorporate climbing walls, slides and balancing beams. The playground is surrounded by green open space and the children will be able to play and run around in view of their parents

and carers. The residents want the play area to be fun, exciting and safe; a place that local families with children want to visit all year round.

The residents association has obtained two comparative quotes and selected the most competitive. The price includes groundworks, a wooden ship and a climbing frame and grass turfing. The work is scheduled to take place during July – August 2019.

Head of Finance Comments

Unaudited accounts have been submitted for the period ending 31st March 2017 which show a surplus of £2,266.

Total income was £16,012; mainly generated from Subscriptions (£14,740) and Affinity Sutton (£1,272).

Total expenditure was £13,746; consisting of Supplies and Services (£13,746).

Balances held at the end of the period showed Net assets of £20,392.

How does the project meet the Council's aims?

Strong and Resilient communities: The new and updated play area will encourage more families to take their children out to play which will help develop stronger family and community bonds. The local residents will take responsibility for the installation and ongoing maintenance of the playground.

Corporate Grant Assessment Group evaluation of the project

The assessment group feels that this project to modernise the play area and provide new equipment for younger children will benefit local families living in Chapelfields and the residents of the new housing development East of Ardingly Road. The Section 106 contribution was provided to upgrade and increase capacity at the existing play area and it is very positive that the Chapelfields Residents' Association has taken responsibility for moving the project forward.

Overall score: 8

Corporate Grant Scheme Assessment Group Recommendation

The Assessment Group recommends that the Cabinet Grants Panel award Chapelfields Residents Association, a Facility Grant of £13,249.65 to enable them to upgrade the Chapelfields childrens play area which is made up of - Section 106 Playspace monies £13,249.65 (P35/737 Land Parcel East Of Ardingly Road Cuckfield West Sussex).

This grant offer is made subject to the following special conditions:

- The project must be completed within 12 months of project funding being obtained***