

Appendix C Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Play Strategy Survey

Theme 1: Raise awareness of play

Improve participation and usage of current and future provision and maximise the benefits of play

Provide a more inclusive approach to play

Help to educate children, parents and carers of the importance of play in development

Reduce negative perceptions of children and young people at play

Any comments or suggestions about theme 1:

- Agree with these points, particularly the last point

Theme 2: Raising the quality of play

Promote children's creativity, physical, mental and emotional well-being and healthy growth

Recognise children's needs to test boundaries

Balance opportunities for risk taking with prevention of serious harm

Promote social interaction and respect for others

Work with partner agencies to assess the number of children and young people with additional needs

Any comments or suggestions about theme 2:

- Agree with all these

Theme 3: Improving the range and accessibility of play provision

Extend children's choice and control

Make different kinds of play available

Promote independence and self esteem

Reduce barriers to play and increases the level of access to play provision

Any comments or suggestions about theme 3:

- Accessing play equipment over grass can be challenging for some children. The strategy must deliver equality of access and provision.
- Agree with the aspirational nature of these aims
- We need to try and use the natural environment more for play and perhaps incorporate gardening and growing

- Provide more options for play, for example painting lines on the ground or grass that can be used for sports or games. Friends of groups etc to have a stock of equipment to sign out. Run sessions like the Bushcraft to teach natural play and care of the environment.

Theme 4: Informal and natural play opportunities

Make for effective and efficient use of our play spaces for all types of play

Provide more opportunities for children and young people in the natural environment

Stimulate more innovation in play activity

Any comments or suggestions about theme 4:

- Recycle and re-purpose things such as felled trees being used to provide natural climbing and play

Theme 5: Providing more resources to improve and develop play opportunities

Provide necessary capital funding to develop new play opportunities

Ensure sufficient funding to maintain and manage play sites in accordance with the strategy

Any comments or suggestions about theme 5:

- It can be easier to find funding for capital projects than it is for general maintenance etc, hence why it is necessary to have a separate established budget

Theme 6: Strategic Management and Growth Sites

Identify funding opportunities through community infrastructure levy for sites in proximity to housing growth areas

Continue to negotiate for on-site play provision on new developments with management agreements for ongoing maintenance agreements and/or off-site contributions to play facilities at existing play facilities and/or community parks

Continue to influence excellent design and provision during the planning process

Any comments or suggestions about theme 6:

- The last point should be amended to add the words "through consultation" to the end

Do you have any other suggestions or comments to make about the proposed strategy?

- When consulting with user groups, ie schools, we should listen to the views of the children rather than offering them certain choices which limits their creativity and creates a closed question scenario. We also suggest schools be encouraged to use the parks, open spaces and play areas and to link with friends of groups to see if there are joint projects that would be mutually beneficial.