

## DERBY PLAY STRATEGY

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 In March 2006, the Big Lottery Fund launched a new Children's Play initiative based on the recommendations of the Government's 2004 Play Review 'Getting Serious About Play'. Over the next three years £155 million is available to all Local Authorities across England to create and improve play opportunities for children.
- 1.2 Each Local Authority has been allocated an amount of money based on the child population of the area and weighted by the level of deprivation. Derby City has been allocated £613,710 over a three-year period.
- 1.3 In order to draw down the funding, each local authority has to develop a multi agency Play Strategy that is owned and shared by all stakeholders. Following the adoption of the strategy, a portfolio of projects can be developed that will form the basis of the application to draw down the funding. The application must show clear evidence on how it fits and contributes to the priorities outlined in the Play Strategy.
- 1.4 The development of a Play Strategy has been managed jointly between Environmental Services and Children and Young People Services.
- 1.5 The attached Play Strategy has been developed following extensive consultation over the past six months with partners and will form the basis by which we develop the City's application to the Big Lottery on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To adopt the Play Strategy.
- 2.2 The Big Lottery grants are awarded in four rounds, with the next deadline being March 2007. Officers, in conjunction with the External Funding Unit and Partners, to submit Derby's application by the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 deadline.
- 2.3 National guidance on the development of Play Strategies recommends that each local authority identify a Play Champion. Cabinet to nominate a Play Champion to assist the delivery of the Play Strategy and the Play Partnership.

## REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To draw down the £613,710 Big Lottery play funding and commence the delivery of the Play Strategy for Derby.

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