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MINUTE EXTRACT

COUNCIL CABINET 19 DECEMBER 2006

Present: Councillor Williamson (Chair), Councillors Bolton, Graves, Hussain, Latham, Roberts, Smalley and Wynn

This record of decisions was published on 21 December 2006. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

In Attendance Councillor Jones

154/06 Derby Play Strategy

The Council Cabinet considered a report on Derby Play Strategy. 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 was available to all Local Authorities across England to create and improve play opportunities for children. Each Local Authority had been allocated an amount of money based on the child population of the area and weighted by the level of deprivation. Derby City had been allocated £613,710 over a three-year period. In order to draw down the funding, each local authority had to develop a multi agency Play Strategy that was owned and shared by all stakeholders. Following the adoption of the strategy, a portfolio of projects could be developed that would form the basis of the application to draw down the funding. The application must show clear evidence on how it fitted and contributed to the priorities outlined in the Play Strategy. The development of a Play Strategy had been managed jointly between Environmental Services and Children and Young People Services. The Play Strategy had been developed following extensive consultation over the past six months with partners and would form the basis by which we developed the City's application to the Big Lottery on the 12 March 2007.

Options Considered

None

Decision

1. To adopt the Play Strategy subject to there being no adverse comments from the relevant Scrutiny Commission.
2. To submit Derby's application in conjunction with the External Funding Unit to The Big Lottery grants by the 12 March 2007 deadline.
3. To nominate Councillor Graves as a Play Champion to assist the delivery of the Play Strategy and Play Partnership.

Reasons

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

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