

King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee report

Capital Schemes

1.0 New play area at South Lynn community centre

- 1.1 Cllr Kemp has requested that a new play area be provided close to Hillen Road in King's Lynn. It is considered that this could be provided at the South Lynn community centre, which could also help to generate more local use of the centre. The Council has no funding for a new play area but an initial proposal for KLACC to consider is set out below.
- 1.2 In the case of this play area, if the scheme is costed at £30,000 (estimated typical cost of a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)), then the cost of this could be £2,000 per annum for 15 years - £30,000. The annual revenue cost of the capital would be charged as a Special Expense equivalent to approx. 19p per property per year. There would also be a revenue cost for inspection and maintenance, which would add an estimated further £350 per year, or 3p per Band D equivalent property. The total cost would therefore be approx. 22p per year for 15 years on Kings Lynn special expenses.
- 1.3 Depending on the outcome of this report, there will be an impact upon the special expenses report also being considered on this agenda.

2.0 Future Priorities

- 2.1 KLACC could agree in principle to allocate the above capital sum to go forward in the budget process but may wish to give further consideration to what would be its priorities for capital schemes across the whole of the unparished area.
- 2.2 It might for example be appropriate to develop a five year plan for items that could be included that could be wider than just play areas.
- 2.3 To agree priorities across King's Lynn KLACC could establish a sub-group to report back to the Committee at specified intervals.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That KLACC considers whether to recommend the allocation of funding from the Kings Lynn special expenses budget from the financial period 2020/2021, for 15 years, for a new play area at the South Lynn community centre.
- 3.2 That KLACC considers whether to establish a sub-group to report back to the Committee on priorities for capital schemes within King's Lynn.

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