

King's Lynn Area Advisory Committee – 30 January 2023

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Provision of accessible play equipment

The Committee received a presentation from Lexy, Tion, Kathryn and Daisy (Youth Commissioners) from the West Norfolk Youth Advisory Board on the provision of accessible play equipment.

The Committee congratulated all the Youth Commissioners on a very detailed and excellent presentation which was supported by the Committee.

Members of the Committee urged the Youth Commissioners to take the presentation / petition to Parliament to get the law changed and to get in touch with the local MP and local Borough Councillor.

Nathan Johnson-Hales explained to the Committee that the Walks was owned by the Borough Council and was Grade II listed. The current play equipment was ROSPA inspected annually. He advised that accessible equipment had been installed at a new scheme in Downham Market. He suggested that Planning Guidance could be looked at and Borough Council developments could be made to include accessible equipment. He did point out that the equipment was very expensive. He advised that himself and his team were available to offer advice.

The Assistant Director added that there might be funding opportunities available in relation to the benefit of physical exercise through the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board and suggested that having a 'shovel-ready' scheme would be advantageous.

It was suggested that this should be considered by Cabinet and that a recommendation be made from the Committee to Cabinet.

The Chair thanked Lexy, Tion, Kathryn and Daisy (Youth Commissioners) and Eloise and Noel from the Youth Advisory Board for attending the meeting and bringing the issue to the attention of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) Cabinet be invited to support a shovel ready scheme for the provision of accessible play equipment in the Walks should an opportunity for funding become available.

RESOLVED

- (2) That the KLAAC Play Areas Informal Working Group, in partnership with the Youth Advisory Board, help to prepare a 'shovel ready' scheme that could be submitted for funding when the opportunity arises.