

REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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SUBJECT:	RURAL PLAY PROVISION	
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee notes progress to date on finalising a District-wide play audit and consider the implications for rural play provision.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To advise the Committee on progress made with regard to a District-wide play audit and the initial implications for rural play provision.
- 2.2 To seek advice on any future reporting requirements once the play audit is fully complete.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 None required

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The initial Overview and Scrutiny scoping document on this subject was titled Recreation Facilities in Rural Villages (Section 106 Contributions) with a scope to review the recreation provision in rural villages which may not benefit from S106 funding and look at other sources of funding to assist in the development of recreation facilities in these localities.
- 4.2 A previous report highlighted the different strategies that impact on the recreation provision in rural villages, identified the links between the Local Plan and Section 106 funding and emphasized that many rural communities will have little or no access to Section 106 funding.
- 4.3 The report went on to identify the requirements and opportunities for securing funding from other sources and the support for communities for project development and making applications from within the Council and via external organisations.

- 4.4 The report highlighted the plans for a comprehensive audit of play sites across the district and committee asked that a further report be brought sharing the findings of the audit.
- 4.5 In June 2018 a verbal update to Committee advised on the scope of the play audit.
- 4.6 Since June, Knight Kavanagh Page (KKP) consultants have been engaged to undertake the audit and have released a draft report which is attached as Appendix 1. It should be noted that the draft does not contain all the supporting appendices and background details which are being finalised and will be available and released as part of the final document and audit sign off which is still to be completed.
- 4.7 The draft report does contain summary recommendations which are unlikely to significantly change. These include introduction of a painting programme, improvements to signage, further work on establishing site roles and responsibilities, and software requirements.
- 4.8 The report states that overall the District's play provision is above average. However, it does identify gaps in provision and specific sites where investment is required.
- 4.9 Further analysis of the finalised audit report and supporting information is required in order to establish a draft action plan which can be brought back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising from the play audit to date although it should be noted that if an action plan were to address some of the findings and recommendations within the report then investment would be needed.

6.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

- 6.1 None.

Legal Implications

- 6.2 Further work required in establishing site roles and responsibilities which may require formalizing current custom and practice.

Corporate Plan Implications

- 6.3 Play sites are spread throughout the district and contribute significantly to the People and Place themes of the Corporate Plan.

Risk Impact

- 6.4 No significant risks identified through the audit although all play sites risk assessed.

7.0 Community Impact

Consultation

7.1 Parish Councils consulted as part of audit.

Equality and Diversity Impact

7.2 Impact on rural communities to be considered as part of action planning.

Social Value Impact

7.3 Play sites very important features of communities and significant bolster to health and well-being.

Environmental Sustainability

7.4 Minimal impact.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 The draft audit provides good insight into the status of the District's play offer and through future action planning offers an opportunity to explore issues pertinent to rural play provision.

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 None