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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Councillor,

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A Meeting of the **Overview and Scrutiny Committee** will be held in the **Council Chamber**, on **Wednesday, 16 October 2019 at 18:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive

To: **Conservative Group**  
Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Brady (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors  
Atkin, Corbin and Dawson

**Labour Group**  
Councillors Bambrick, Gee and Mrs Stuart

## **AGENDA**

### **Open to Public and Press**

- 1** Apologies.
- 2** To receive the Open Minutes of the following Meetings:  
  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Open Minutes 19th June 2019 **3 - 5**
- 3** To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 4** To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
- 5** To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 6** SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLAY AUDIT ACTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN INCLUDING RURAL PLAY AREAS **6 - 55**
- 7** COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME **56 - 57**

### **Exclusion of the Public and Press:**

- 8** The Chairman may therefore move:-  
That in accordance with Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.
- 9** To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Atkin, Corbin and Dawson

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bambrick, Gee and Mrs Stuart

OS/1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

A proposal to appoint Councillor Atkin as Chairman was not carried by a majority.

A proposal to appoint Councillor Bambrick as Chairman was not carried by a majority.

**RESOLVED:-**

***It was resolved that the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) be appointed as Chairman for the Meeting.***

OS/2 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Hewlett (Chairman) and Councillor Brady (Vice-Chairman) (Conservative Group).

OS/3 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no declarations had been received.

OS/5 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/6 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/7 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) outlined the report to Committee, noting that no authorisations had been sought.

**RESOLVED:-**

***The Committee noted the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.***

OS/8 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2018-19**

The Committee noted the Annual Report for the municipal year 2018/19, which had been put to the previous Annual Council. Councillor Corbin was joined by the Committee in proposing that Section 106 Health Allocations continue to be reviewed for the forthcoming municipal year.

**RESOLVED:-**

***The Committee noted the Annual Report for 2018/19.***

OS/9 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Some members queried the remit of the Committee and requested that training provision be explored. Members were advised that the Annual Report outlined the main purpose and function of the Committee by providing a summary of how the Committee had discharged its functions over the previous year including the keys areas of review.

Councillor Atkin proposed that four topics which had been reviewed by the previous Committee, continue to be scrutinised; Section 106 Health Allocations, Rural Play Provision, Universal Credit Update and Rural Broadband. The Committee requested that a Scoping Meeting be scheduled prior to its next Meeting to allow further areas to be scoped.

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members considered and approved the updated work programme with the inclusion of Section 106 Health Allocations, Rural Play Provision, Update on Universal Credit and Rural Broadband.***

OS/10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RESOLVED:-**

*That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.*

**EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

*The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.*

The Meeting terminated at 6.30pm.

STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (CORPORATE RESOURCES)

CHAIRMAN

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 6</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019</b>	<b>CATEGORY DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>ALLISON THOMAS - STRATEGIC DIRECTOR SERVICE DELIVERY</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>MALCOLM ROSEBURGH X5774 malcolm.roseburgh@ south-derbys.gov.uk</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLAY AUDIT ACTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN INCLUDING RURAL PLAY AREAS</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the Committee notes the Action Plan following on from completion of the District-wide play audit and considers the implications for play provision across the District.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 To advise the Committee on the contents and implications of the Play Audit Action Plan.

## **3.0 Executive Summary**

- 3.1 None required

## **4.0 Detail**

- 4.1 This report follows on from an initial scoping document and two previous reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The scoping document reviewed the recreation provision in those rural villages that might not benefit from S106 funding and looked at other sources of funding to assist in the development of recreation facilities in these localities.
- 4.2 The initial 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. It also identified 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. Lastly, it highlighted the plans for a comprehensive audit of play sites across the District and Committee asked that a further report be brought which shared the findings of the audit.

- 4.3 A verbal update to Committee on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 advised on the scope of the play audit and a further written report was brought to Committee in February 2019 detailing the draft findings of the play audit. The summary recommendations have not changed since the previously issued draft and include the introduction of a painting programme, improvements to signage, further work on establishing site roles and responsibilities, and software requirements. The Play Audit report is attached as Appendix 1 and the summary recommendations extract is below.

*Table 2.7.1: Recommendations*

Recommendation	Explanation
Introduction of a painting programme	<p>Whilst overall quality of the play provision is deemed generally good, several comments from parish council consultation and site visits highlight a lack of a programme for the painting of play equipment. In some instances, parish councils cite certain sites as never having had a refresh of paint.</p> <p>Consequently, exploring a programme to ensure equipment receives a sufficient level of painting is recommended.</p>
Consistency of signage	<p>As discussed above, the level of signage across sites is variable. Many sites lack the basic information which should be presented.</p> <p>There is also a wide variety in the design and style of signage. Reviewing further the current signage at sites is recommended to ensure a consistent design and approach.</p> <p>The priority should be at those sites with play equipment necessitating additional information for safety reasons (i.e. skate parks such as Swadlincote Skate Park, Newhall Park etc).</p>
Ownership/maintenance responsibilities	<p>For most sites it is understood who is responsible for the equipment and its maintenance. However, there are several sites where the information on who is responsible is unclear or unknown. This is likely reflected in part to the two recommendations above. The Council should investigate further, with assistance from the parish councils, the current leases in place and the remaining length of the agreements. The findings of this audit report should help initially, however, further work is needed to have a full understanding of the current arrangements and responsibilities.</p>
Move to electronic system of data storage	<p>The current system of site checking and reviews by the Council is carried out in paper format. The Council will explore moving to an electronic software system for efficiencies of data collection, accurate recording and data management including sharing. This will also help in the long-term storage of data and future assessments for example any risk assessments or claims. It will therefore reduce the risks to the Council.</p> <p>Electronic play area software systems include for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◀ <b>PSSLive</b> – comprehensive and highly recommended by many Local Authorities.</li> <li>◀ <b>Play Inspection Company</b> – offers an online playground inspection app designed specifically for local authorities and contractors.</li> </ul>

- 4.4 Officers have developed an Action Plan based on the recommendations within the Audit Report on principles of good practice and to maximise opportunities for investment. The Play Audit Action Plan and accompanying Play Audit Improvement Programme are attached to the report as Appendices two and three.
- 4.5 The Play Audit also identifies risks and specific equipment observations. Significant progress has been made on tackling risks and works have been carried out on sites at Castle Gresley, Hilton, Overseal, Hartshorne, Melbourne, Stenson, Repton and Midway. The cost of day-to-day repairs carried out in the last 18 months is approximately £37,000 excluding the repairs made directly by the play inspector employed as part of the Grounds Maintenance Team. Most of the audit “observations” relate to supplementing the age range of equipment available on sites and in particular suggests provision of more equipment for the 8-16 age range. This requirement, alongside other opportunities, is being addressed in the Play Audit Improvement Programme by matching improvements with known existing resources, primarily including Section 106 funding.
- 4.6 In addition to received and known Section 106 resources there are a number of developments pending where new funds will become available to support play provision. These opportunities will be added to the Improvement Programme as they are realised.
- 4.7 The Council also has access to £16,071 of investment from the central government Local Authorities Parks Improvement Funding (LAPIF). The award is intended to be used to undertake remedial work and renovation of existing parks to enhance the green space available to local communities. The Play Audit Improvement Programme has identified that sites at Scropton, Coton in the Elms and Newhall should benefit from this allocation following consideration of the quality of sites across the District and the original Overview and Scrutiny scoping documents purpose to review recreation provision in those rural villages that might not benefit from S106 funding.
- 4.8 It should be noted that the Audit Report states that overall the District’s play provision is above average. However the Action Plan and the Improvement Programme aim to further improve provision across the portfolio and significantly on some specific sites where there is the budget to do this.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The Play Audit Improvement programme identifies a number of capital projects, the timeframe to realise them and the source and status of their funding. The detail is contained in Appendix Three.
- 5.2 The funding status and deliverability across the projects varies. Some projects have sufficient funds primarily from S106 capital monies and are ready for implementation whilst other projects require matched funding via external grant applications. There are further projects which will either be led by, or require consultation with, Parish Councils and other organisations and need funds to be raised before any improvement can take place. The outcome of funding applications and consultation will necessarily affect deliverability. There will also be the need for staff to plan and deliver these projects and the Head of Cultural and Community Services will be



bringing a Committee report to the Housing and Community Services Committee to address this issue in November 2019.

5.3 The Play Audit Improvement Programme also identifies other revenue based projects and requirements including play inspection and management software and hardware, the introduction of an equipment painting programme, signage improvements and bark topping. These requirements will be considered through both the budget setting process and allocation of S106 maintenance sums.

5.4 Where sites require significant sums and there is no external funding or S106 available then a business case would need to be made to access any capital reserve.

## **6.0 Corporate Implications**

### **Employment Implications**

6.1 The capacity to deliver the different projects and work programme in the Play Audit Improvement Programme will be addressed through the planned review and restructure of Cultural and Community Services.

### **Legal Implications**

6.2 There are some sites that require a review and clarification of site roles and responsibilities and potentially an update of lease arrangements.

### **Corporate Plan Implications**

6.3 Play sites are spread throughout the district and contribute significantly to the Corporate Plan Vision of “Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit”. Under the People and Place themes of the Corporate Plan the availability and quality of the play sites addresses aims such as enhancing community infrastructure, keeping residents happy, healthy and safe and increasing participation in physical activity. The importance of the sites grows in tandem with the growth of the population of the district and the need to meet the health, leisure and cultural needs of residents and visitors.

### **Risk Impact**

6.4 There are no significant risks identified through the audit. All the play sites are risk assessed and any health and safety implications dealt with through the existing maintenance programme.

## **7.0 Community Impact**

### **Consultation**

7.1 Parish Councils were consulted as part of the audit and several Parish Councils, community organisations and facility users will be consulted as part of each project implementation.

### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

7.2 The impacts on rural communities and access to facilities have been considered as part of action planning.

## **Social Value Impact**

- 7.3 Play areas are very important features of communities and significant contributors to the health and well-being and development of children and young people. The Play Audit Improvement Programme and Play Audit Action Plan will bring improvements to children's development and enjoyment for current and future generations.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.4 Minimal impact.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 The Play Audit Improvement Programme and Action Plan provide a good basis for further improving play provision across the district.

## **9.0 Background Papers**

- 9.1 None



# **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PLAY AUDIT REPORT APRIL 2019**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This is the audit of all play facilities across South Derbyshire prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for South Derbyshire District Council.

It includes an assessment to the quality and value of all known play provision across South Derbyshire regardless of ownership or management. A number of recommendations based on the findings are also provided.

This includes areas designated primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

Provision for children is deemed to be sites consisting of formal equipped play facilities typically associated with play areas. This is usually perceived to be for children under 12 years of age. Provision for young people can include equipped sites that provide more robust equipment catering to older age ranges incorporating facilities such as skate parks, BMX, basketball courts, youth shelters and MUGAs.

### 1.1 Audit approach

All known play sites have been visited as part of the audit process. A total of 83 sites have been audited as part of the study.

Site visits included a non-technical assessment to determine the quality and value of each site. An explanation to the criteria used to undertake this is provided in Part 1.2.

A risk assessment of each site was also carried out. This focused on the general site (i.e. seating, fencing, pathways etc) and not the play equipment itself; as the Council undertakes regular checks and inspections of equipment. A summary is provided in Appendix One.

The site visits also included each site being photographed for records.

### 1.2 Quality and value

Each play provision site receives a separate quality and value score. This allows for application of a high and low quality/value matrix to help in any future actions or priorities.

Quality and value are fundamentally different and can be unrelated. For example, a high quality site may be inaccessible and, thus, be of little value; whereas a rundown (poor quality) site may be the only one in an area and thus be immensely valuable. As a result, quality and value are also treated separately in terms of scoring.

#### ***Analysis of quality***

Data collated from site visits is initially based upon those themes derived from the Green Flag Award scheme (a national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales, operated by Keep Britain Tidy). The audit process also records the amount and quality of play equipment to be found at a site. This is utilised to calculate a quality score for each site visited. Scores in the database are presented as percentage figures. The quality criteria used for the assessments are summarised in the following table.

### Quality criteria for open space site visit (score)

- Physical access, e.g. appropriate minimum entrance widths, transport links
- Personal security, e.g. site is overlooked, natural surveillance, fencing
- Information signage, e.g. presence of up to date site information, well maintained
- Equipment and facilities, e.g. adequacy and condition of provision such as seating, bins
- Site problems, e.g. any presence of vandalism, graffiti
- Healthy, safe and secure, e.g. fencing, gates
- Maintenance and cleanliness, e.g. general appearance, surface quality, equipment quality and equipment range

Within the databases the criteria are weighted to reflect their level of importance to each different open space typology. For example, a greater presence and variety of ancillary facilities (e.g. seating, bins, paths, range of equipment etc) of a good condition will mean a site rates higher for quality.

### Analysis of value

Site visit data plus desk-based research is calculated to provide value scores for each site identified. Value is defined in best practice guidance in relation to the following three issues:

- Context of the site i.e. its accessibility, scarcity value and historic value.
- Level and type of use.
- The wider benefits it generates for people, biodiversity and the wider environment.

Consequently, the criteria used to calculate value focus on the benefits sites may provide in relation to play. For consistency with previous audits undertaken by the Council, value has also considered specific play themes and opportunities.

The value criteria set for audit assessment is derived as:

### Value criteria for site visits (score)

- Level of use (observations only), e.g., evidence of level of use and by different age groups; relates to range of equipment and location (i.e. located near school and/or community facility)
- Social inclusion and health benefits, e.g., promotes social interaction with peers as well as physical and mental well-being
- Amenity benefits e.g., safe and well maintained; helping to create specific neighbourhoods, areas and landmarks
- Educational benefits, e.g., provides opportunities to learn and self-development
- Specific play themes; including opportunities for climbing, rocking, sliding and swinging

## 1.3 Quality and value thresholds

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the results of the site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The primary aim of applying a threshold is to identify sites where potential investment and/or improvements may be required. It can also be used to set an aspirational quality standard to be achieved in the future and to inform decisions around the need to further protect sites.

The only national benchmark available for quality of parks and open spaces is the 66% pass rate for Green Flag. However, the Green Flag pass rate is not appropriate as it is designed to represent a sufficiently high standard of provision. Furthermore, a different scoring mechanism is used (albeit the criteria for this study is initially derived from the categories used as part of Green Flag).

In order to distinguish between higher and lower quality sites, the quality threshold is set to reflect the average score for all play provision within the local authority. For example, the average of the 832 play sites to receive a score is 64%. Consequently, the quality threshold is set at 60%. In our experience this works as an effective method to reflect local levels of provision and their variability.

For value, there is no national guidance on the setting of thresholds. The 20% threshold applied is derived from our experience and knowledge in assessing the perceived value of sites.

A high valued site is one deemed to be well used and offering visual, social, physical and mental benefits. Value is also a more subjective measure than assessing the physical quality of provision. Therefore, a conservative blanket threshold of 20% is set. Whilst 20% may initially seem low - it is a relative score. One designed to reflect those sites that meet more than one aspect of the criteria used for assessing value (as detailed earlier). If a site meets more than one criterion for value it will score greater than 20%. Consequently, it is deemed to be of higher value.

All information relating to open spaces is collated in the project open space database (to be supplied as an Excel electronic file). All sites identified and assessed as part of the audit are recorded within the database.

## 2. PLAY AUDIT

### 2.1 Current provision

A total of 83 sites are identified in South Derbyshire as provision for children and young people. This combines to create a total of more than four hectares. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all known provision is identified and included within the audit.

*Table 2.1.1: Distribution of provision for children and young people in South Derbyshire*

Area	Provision for children and young people		
	Number	Size (ha)	Current provision <sup>1</sup> (ha per 1,000 population)
South Derbyshire	83	4.44	0.04

Play areas can be classified in the following ways to identify their effective target audience utilising Fields In Trust (FIT) guidance. FIT provides widely endorsed guidance on the minimum standards for play space.

- ✦ LAP - a Local Area of Play. Usually small landscaped areas designed for young children. Equipment is normally age group specific to reduce unintended users.
- ✦ LEAP - a Local Equipped Area of Play. Designed for unsupervised play and a wider age range of users; often containing a wider range of equipment types.
- ✦ NEAP - a Neighbourhood Equipped Area of Play. Cater for all age groups. Often contain an extensive range of play equipment.

Play provision in South Derbyshire is summarised using the Fields In Trust (FIT) classifications. Most is identified as being of LEAP (51%) classification.

*Table 2.1.2: Distribution of provision for children and young people by FIT category*

Analysis area	Provision for children and young people			
	LAP	LEAP	NEAP	TOTAL
South Derbyshire	17	42	24	83

Guidance on appropriate accessibility distances for children's play provision is published by FIT in its document Beyond the Six Acre Standard (2015). These vary depending on the type of play provision. Figures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 show the location of play sites with the relevant walking catchments applied.

*Table 2.1.3: FIT accessibility guidelines*

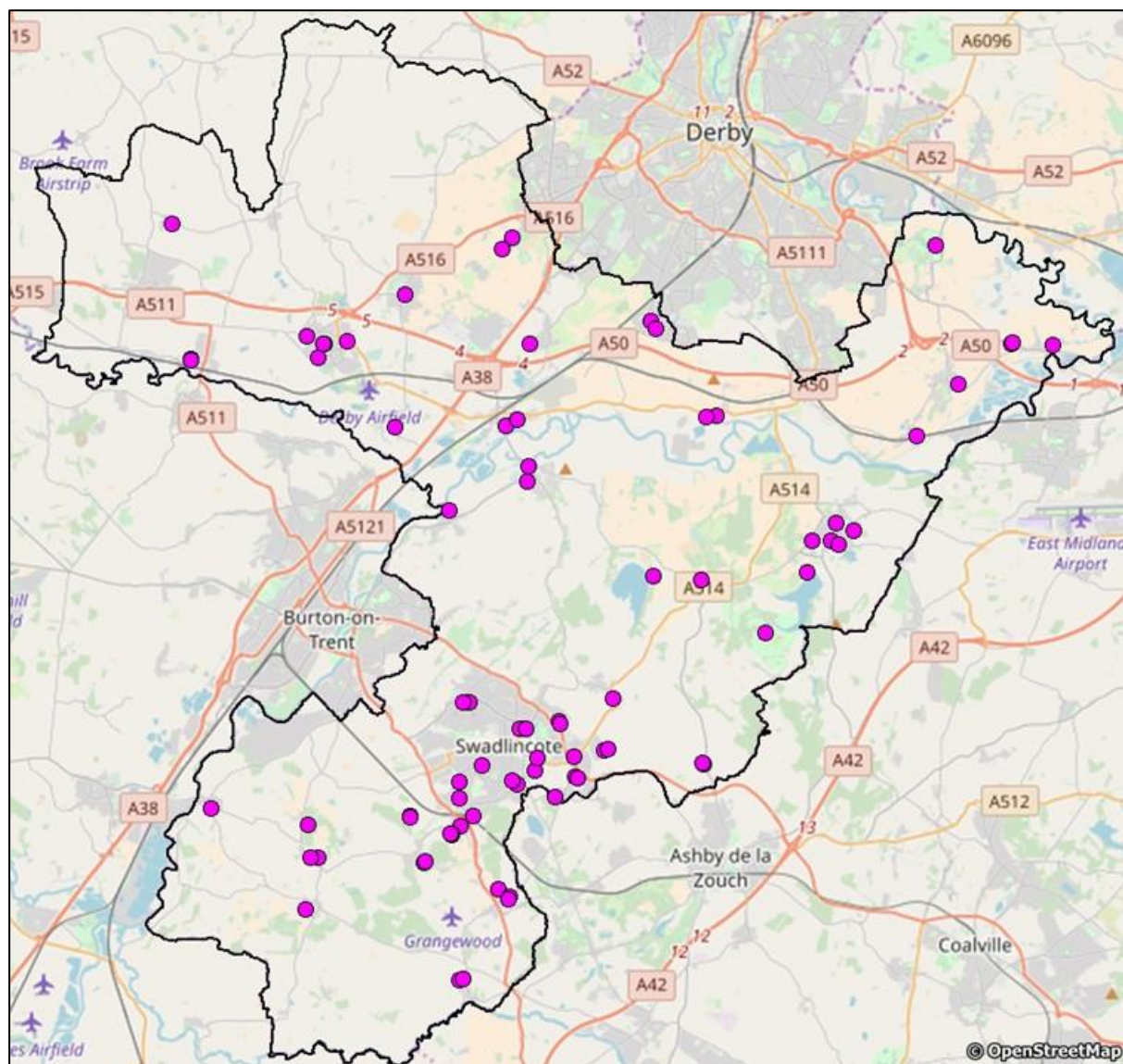
Play type	FIT Walking guideline	Approximate time equivalent
LAP	100m	1 minute
LEAP	400m	5 minutes
NEAP	1,000m	12 ½ minutes

<sup>1</sup> Based on South Derbyshire District population of 102,385.



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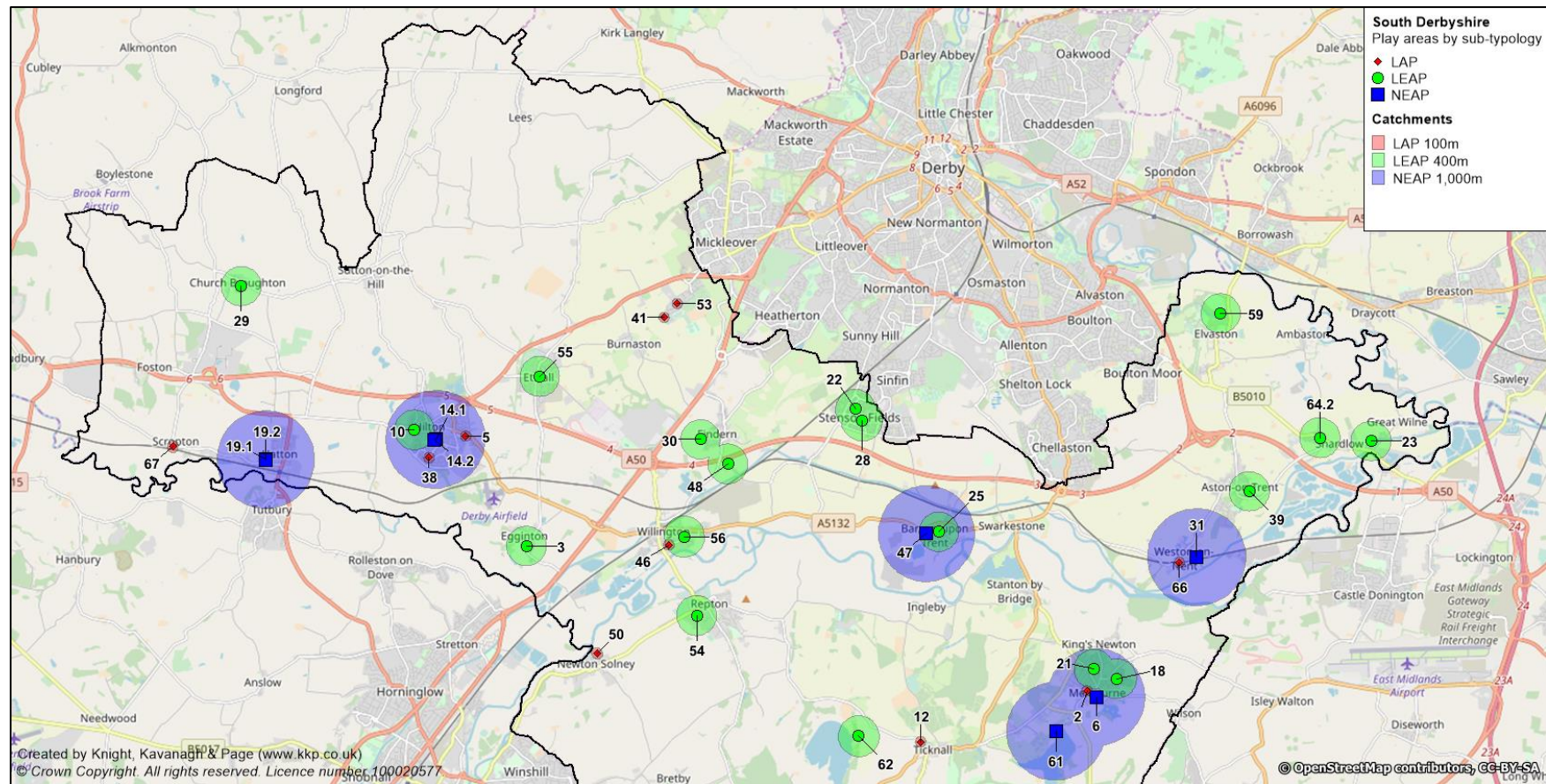
Figure 2.1: Provision for children and young people across the District





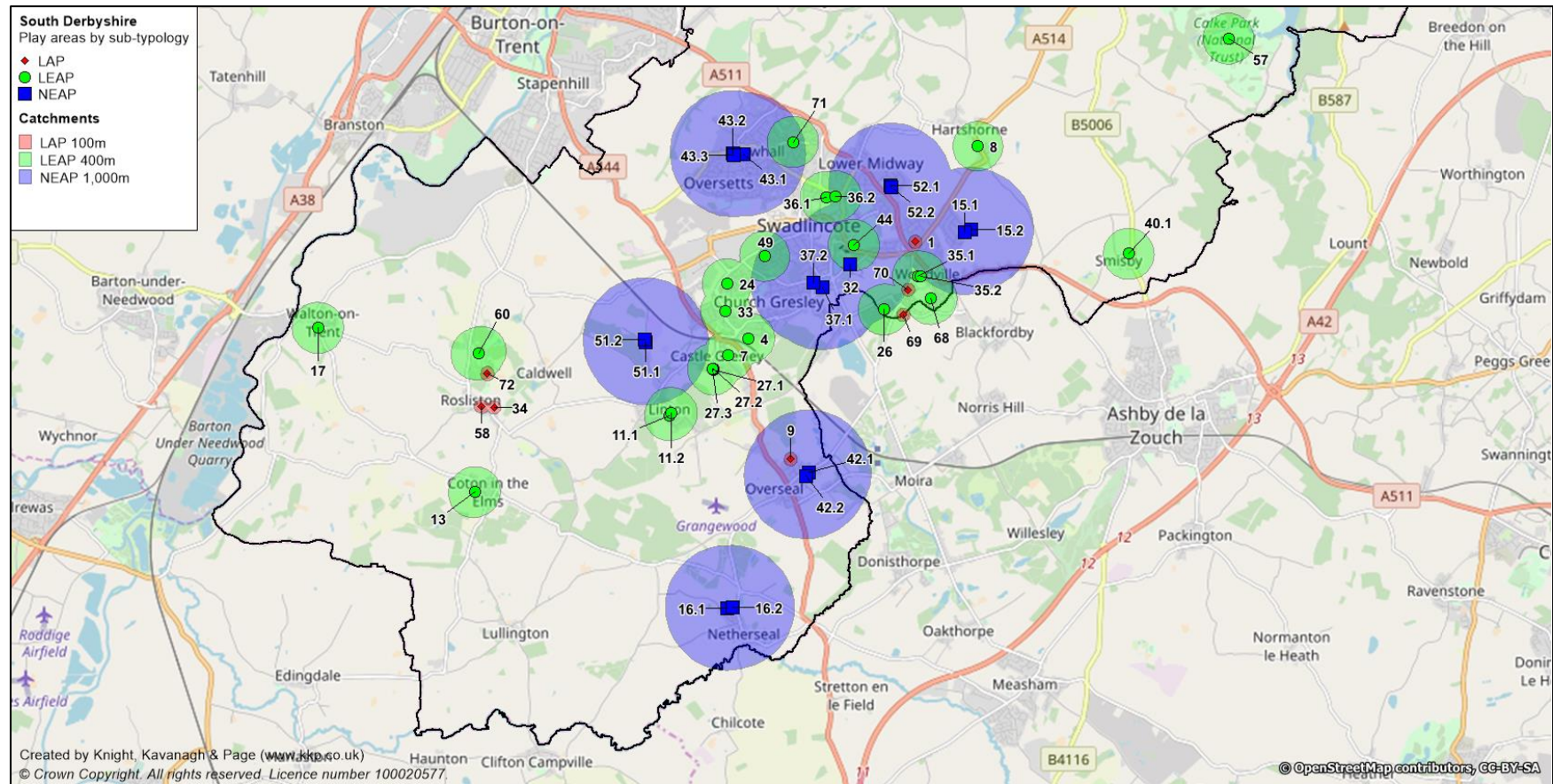
# PLAY AUDIT SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

Figure 2.2: Provision for children and young people in north of the District



# PLAY AUDIT SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

Figure 2.3: Provision for children and young people in south of District





## PLAY AUDIT SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

Table 2.1.4: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
27.1	Arthur Street Rec Ground, Arthur Street, Castle Gresley	Swadlincote	DE11 9HG	Castle Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	83.2%	65.5%
27.2	Arthur Street Rec Ground MUGA	Swadlincote	DE11 9HG	Castle Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	35.1%	32.7%
27.3	Arthur Street Rec Ground Youth Shelter	Swadlincote	DE11 9HG	Castle Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	36.1%	29.1%
68	Astbury Way play area	Swadlincote	DE11 7DG	Woodville	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	79.4%	56.4%
39	Aston on Trent Rec Ground, Shardlow Road , Aston on Trent	Aston-on-Trent	DE72 2AN	Aston-on-Trent	LEAP	PC	PC	69.4%	78.2%
51.1	Badgers Hollow Leisure Park, Coton Park, Linton	Swadlincote	DE12 6RF	Linton	NEAP	SDDC own/ PC lease	SDDC/ PC	56.4%	78.2%
51.2	Badgers Hollow MUGA	Swadlincote	DE12 6RF	Linton	NEAP	SDDC own/ PC lease	SDDC/ PC	34.0%	34.5%
47	Barrow on Trent Play Area, Twyford Road, Barrow on Trent	Barrow upon Trent	DE73 7HA	Barrow upon Trent	LEAP	PC	PC	51.9%	56.4%
25	Barrow on Trent, Main Street play area	Barrow upon Trent	DE73 7HB	Barrow upon Trent	LEAP	SDDC own/ PC lease	SDDC	61.9%	56.4%
57	Calke Abbey	Ticknall	DE73 7JF	Ticknall		National Trust	National Trust	87.6%	90.9%
33	Castleton Park, Brunel Way	Swadlincote	DE11 9LE	Church Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	80.1%	65.5%
24	Castleton Park, Luton Road	Swadlincote	DE11 9TF	Church Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	81.1%	65.5%

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
29	Church Broughton Rec Ground, Main Street, Church Broughton	Church Broughton	DE65 5AS	Church Broughton	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	62.5%	87.3%
13	Coton in the Elms Rec Ground, Church Street, Coton in the Elms	Coton in the Elms	DE12 8EZ	Coton in the Elms	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	72.9%	83.6%
69	Donnington Drive play area	Swadlincote	DE11 8AU	Woodville	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	77.0%	34.5%
3	Egginton Rec Ground, Church Road, Egginton - Parish owned	Egginton	DE65 6HP	Egginton	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC inspect/ PC replace	65.3%	65.5%
59	Elvaston Castle	Elvaston	DE72 3EP	Elvaston	LEAP	Derbyshire County Council	Derbyshire County Council	77.3%	69.1%
36.1	Eureka Park, Newhall Road, Swadlincote	Swadlincote	DE11 0BA	Swadlincote	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	73.2%	81.8%
36.2	Eureka Park outdoor gym <sup>2</sup>	Swadlincote	DE11 0BA	Swadlincote	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC		
70	Excelsior Drive play area	Swadlincote	DE11 8DN	Woodville	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	72.9%	34.5%
49	Fabis Close Play Area, Fabis Close, Swadlincote	Swadlincote	DE11 9SL	Swadlincote	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	86.9%	74.5%
30	Findern Rec Ground, Hillside, Findern	Findern	DE65 6AW	Findern	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	65.6%	78.2%
48	Findern Rec Ground, Willington Road, Findern	Findern	DE65 6AS	Findern	LEAP	PC	PC	61.2%	74.5%
62	Foremark Reservoir		DE65 6EG	Milton		Severn Trent	Severn Trent	86.3%	81.8%

<sup>2</sup> Incorporated in to 36.1

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
8	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Main Street, Hartshorne	Swadlincote	DE11 7ES	Hartshorne	LEAP	PC	PC	68.7%	74.5%
15.1	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Mount Road, Hartshorne	Swadlincote	DE11 7HB	Hartshorne	NEAP	SDDC own / PC lease	PC	58.4%	61.8%
15.2	Hartshorne Rec Ground MUGA, Mount Road, Hartshorne	Hartshorne	DE11 7HB	Hartshorne	NEAP	SDDC own / PC lease	PC	43.0%	34.5%
19.1	Hatton Rec Ground, Scropton Lane, Hatton	Hatton	DE65 5ER	Hatton	LEAP	PC	PC	78.4%	87.3%
19.2	Hatton Rec Ground MUGA, Scropton Lane, Hatton	Hatton	DE65 5ER	Hatton	LEAP	PC	PC	73.9%	41.8%
5	Hilton Foss Road play area	Hilton	DE65 5BJ	Hilton	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	43.6%	47.3%
10	Hilton Rec Ground, Main Street, Hilton	Hilton	DE65 5GG	Hilton	LEAP	PC	PC	73.9%	74.5%
14.1	Hilton Village Hall site, Peacroft Lane	Hilton	DE65 5WA	Hilton	NEAP	PC	SDDC	75.9%	78.2%
14.2	Hilton Village Hall skateboard park	Hilton	DE65 5WA	Hilton	NEAP	PC	SDDC	67.7%	38.2%
38	Hilton Welland Road - Parish owned	Hilton	DE65 5NQ	Hilton	LAP	Developer		56.4%	69.1%
55	King George V Play Fields, Egginton Road, Etwall	Etwall	DE65 6NB	Etwall	LEAP	King George V PF Charity	SDDC	83.8%	90.9%
11.1	Linton Rec Ground, Main Street, Linton	Linton	DE12 6PW	Linton	NEAP	PC	PC	84.5%	83.6%

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
11.2	Linton Rec Ground MUGA	Linton	DE12 6PW	Linton	NEAP	PC	PC	49.1%	34.5%
37.1	Maurice Lea Park, York Road, Church Gresley	Swadlincote	DE11 9NW	Church Gresley	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	73.2%	78.2%
37.2	Maurice Lea Park MUGA	Swadlincote	DE11 9NW	Church Gresley	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	39.2%	38.2%
21	Melbourne Play Area, Coronation Close, Melbourne	Melbourne	DE73 8FH	Melbourne	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	59.1%	60.0%
2	Melbourne Play Area, Quick Close, Melbourne	Melbourne	DE73 8GH	Melbourne	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	59.8%	34.5%
6	Melbourne, Lothian Gardens-Parish owned	Melbourne	DE73 8GJ	Melbourne	NEAP	PC	PC	51.5%	90.9%
18	Melbourne, Sweet Leys Way, Off Station Road	Melbourne	DE73 8LH	Melbourne	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	57.7%	74.5%
41	Mickleover, Swan Hill play area	Melbourne	DE3 0UW	Burnaston	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	57.7%	34.5%
53	Mickleover, Wren Way play area	Melbourne	DE3 0UF	Burnaston	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	71.5%	34.5%
52.1	Midway, Salisbury Drive	Swadlincote	DE11 7LD	Midway	NEAP	SDDC own / PC lease	PC / u8's by SDDC	78.4%	60.0%
52.2	Midway, Salisbury Drive MUGA	Swadlincote	DE11 7LD	Midway	NEAP	SDDC own / PC lease	PC	41.9%	38.2%
7	Mount Pleasant Rec Ground, Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley	Melbourne	DE11 9JF	Castle Gresley	LEAP	PC?	PC?	59.1%	74.5%
16.1	Netherseal Rec Ground, Main Street, Netherseal	Swadlincote	DE12 8DB	Netherseal	NEAP	PC	PC	50.9%	74.5%

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
16.2	Netherseal Rec Ground MUGA	Swadlincote	DE12 8DB	Netherseal	NEAP	PC	PC	75.9%	38.2%
43.1	Newhall Park	Swadlincote	DE11 0JX	Newhall	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	82.8%	90.9%
43.2	Newhall Park MUGA	Swadlincote	DE11 0JX	Newhall	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	47.4%	38.2%
43.3	Newhall Park skate park	Swadlincote	DE11 0JX	Newhall	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	41.2%	38.2%
50	Newton Solney Rec Ground, Newton Close, Newton Solney	Burton-on-Trent	DE15 0SL	Newton Solney	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	69.8%	65.5%
9	Overseal, Edward Street	Swadlincote	DE12 6LJ	Overseal	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	65.3%	47.3%
42.1	Overseal Rec Ground, Woodville Road, Overseal	Swadlincote	DE12 6LX	Overseal	NEAP	PC	SDDC	84.5%	83.6%
42.2	Overseal Rec Ground MUGA Woodville Road	Swadlincote	DE12 6LX	Overseal	NEAP	PC	SDDC	65.3%	38.2%
54	Repton Rec Ground, Mitre Drive, Repton	Repton	DE65 6FJ	Repton	LEAP	PC	SDDC	73.5%	74.5%
60	Rosliston Main playground	Rosliston	DE12 8JX	Rosliston	LEAP	Rosliston Forestry Centre	Rosliston Forestry Centre	40.2%	78.2%
72	Rosliston Natural Play Area (Forestry Centre)	Rosliston	DE12 8JX	Rosliston	LAP	Rosliston Forestry Centre	Rosliston Forestry Centre	36.1%	47.3%
34	Rosliston Play Area, Main Street, Rosliston	Rosliston	DE12 8JW	Rosliston	LEAP	PC	PC	83.8%	74.5%
71	Midway (Chestnut Avenue/Rowan Drive) play area	Swadlincote	DE11 0EN	Midway	LEAP	SDDC?	SDDC?	62.2%	90.9%
67	Scropton Road play area	Scropton	DE65 5PN	Scropton	LAP	Unresolved	PC?	53.6%	49.1%

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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
23	Shardlow Play Area, The Wharf, Shardlow	Shardlow	DE72 2WE	Shardlow	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	77.7%	65.5%
64.1	Shardlow Rec Ground	Shardlow	DE72 2GZ	Shardlow		School?	School?		
64.2	Shardlow Rec Ground MUGA	Shardlow	DE72 2GZ	Shardlow	LEAP	School?	School?	36.1%	38.2%
40.1	Smisby Play Area, Chapel Street, Smisby	Smisby	LE65 2TJ	Smisby	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	51.9%	74.5%
4	Station Street Rec Ground, Station Street, Castle Gresley	Swadlincote	DE11 9JU	Castle Gresley	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	64.3%	61.8%
61	Staunton Harold	Melbourne	DE73 8DL	Melbourne	LEAP	Severn Trent	Severn Trent	87.6%	81.8%
28	Stenson Fields Play Area, Goathland Road, Stenson Fields	Stenson Fields	DE24 3BW	Stenson Fields	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	57.0%	56.4%
22	Stenson Fields Play Area, Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields	Stenson Fields	DE24 3JG	Stenson Fields	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	74.9%	74.5%
32	Swadlincote Skate Park	Swadlincote	DE11 8EG	Swadlincote	NEAP	SDDC	SDDC	35.1%	34.5%
44	Swadlincote Woodlands, Derby Road, Swadlincote	Swadlincote	DE11 8LP	Swadlincote	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	61.2%	74.5%
12	Ticknall Rec Ground, Milton Road, Ticknall	Ticknall	DE73 7JG	Ticknall	LAP	SDDC own / PC lease	SDDC	58.1%	43.6%
66	Trent Lane under 8s Play Area	Weston-on-Trent	DE72 2BT	Weston-on-Trent	LAP	SDDC own / PC lease	Parish Council	54.6%	60.0%
17	Walton on Trent, Coton Road	Swadlincote	DE12 8NL	Walton-on-Trent	LEAP	PC?	PC?	63.6%	87.3%



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Site ID	Site name	Settlement	Post Code	Parish District	Play type	Ownership	Maintenance	Quality score	Value score
31	Weston on Trent Rec Ground, Kings Mill Lane, Weston on Trent	Weston-on-Trent	DE72 2BQ	Weston-on-Trent	NEAP	SDDC own / PC lease	Parish Council	45.7%	47.3%
46	Willington Play Area, Hall Lane, Willington	Willington	DE65 6BZ	Willington	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	70.8%	78.2%
56	Willington Play Area, Trent Lane, Willington	Willington	DE65 6DN	Willington	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	69.1%	78.2%
35.1	Woodville Rec Ground, New Road, Woodville	Swadlincote	DE11 8DJ	Woodville	LEAP	PC	SDDC <sup>3</sup>	73.9%	41.8%
35.2	Woodville Rec Ground MUGA	Swadlincote	DE11 8DJ	Woodville	LEAP	PC	PC	54.6%	41.8%
26	Woodville Woodlands, Arliston Drive	Swadlincote	DE11 8FS	Woodville	LEAP	SDDC	SDDC	73.9%	74.5%
1	Woodville, Blueberry Way play area	Swadlincote	DE11 7GX	Woodville	LAP	SDDC	SDDC	69.8%	52.7%

<sup>3</sup> Will be Parish Council responsibility once refurbishment works carried out

The catchment mapping shows there is a good spread of play provision across South Derbyshire. Most settlements are observed as being served by some form of play provision.

No significant gaps are highlighted. However, it is noted that the Castle Gresley area is not covered by the catchment area of a play site categorized as NEAP (blue areas of Figure 2.1 and 2.2). Exploring any opportunities to expand or enhance the existing sites in this area (KKP 4, 7, 24 and 33) is recommended. All four existing sites are categorized as LEAP therefore exploring their ability to act as NEAP is worthwhile.

### 2.3 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for play provision for children and young people in South Derbyshire. A threshold of 60% is applied in order to identify higher and lower quality.

*Table 2.3.1: Quality ratings for provision for children and young people*

Area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		<60%	>60%
South Derbyshire	34%	64%	88%	54%	33	49

Quality of provision is generally good across South Derbyshire with 60% of sites assessed as above the threshold. However, there are 33 sites rating below the threshold. Notably there is a significant spread (54%) between the highest and lowest scoring sites, with Calke Abbey and Staunton Harold scoring 88% compared to Badgers Hollow MUGA (34%).

Badgers Hollow MUGA scores below the quality threshold. It scores quite well for range of equipment but lower for site appearance, surface and equipment quality. The site lacks some ancillary features, having no bins or benches. In addition, there is no boundary fencing (the MUGA is not enclosed). However, the site does benefit from car parking.

In contrast, Calke Abbey and Staunton Harold Play Areas rate the highest due to their range and excellent condition of play equipment. The sites also benefit from additional features such as seating, signage, fencing and parking.

Other sites to receive particularly high ratings for quality include:

- ❖ Fabis Close Play Area, Swadlincote (87%)
- ❖ Foremark Reservoir (86%)
- ❖ Overseal Rec Ground, Woodville Road, Overseal (85%)
- ❖ Linton Rec Ground, Main Street, Linton (85%)

These play areas have a good range of well-maintained equipment. In addition, they also provide good ancillary features and facilities including benches and signage. All but Foremark Reservoir have bins. However, this site scores excellent for site appearance, surface and equipment quality and has the additional benefit of car parking (not free).

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King George Playing Fields, Egginton Road, Etwall scores above the quality threshold (84%). Consultation with Etwall Parish Council highlights that some pieces of equipment are new, but some are starting to appear tired.

Barrow on Trent, Main Street play area, is identified by Barrow on Trent Parish Council as being in need of refurbishment. The site scores just above the threshold (62%) but receives lower ratings for equipment quality and dirty signage.

There are instances where a site may score high for overall quality, but which is observed as having some issues with a specific feature and/or a certain piece of equipment. The overall scoring may obscure such instances. This is particularly relevant at larger park sites where there is a greater amount and range of play equipment present. Consequently, a summary to any high-quality rating sites observed as having specific equipment issues is set out below.

*Table 2.3.2: High quality sites with specific equipment observations*

Site	Observations
Newhall Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newhall Park has two swings missing, nest swing is also missing.</li> <li>Worn paint frames at play area for smaller age ranges.</li> <li>Skate park is well used but appears tired.</li> <li>MUGA and skate park rate lower for quality than rest of site. Could benefit from equipment to cater for 8-16 age range</li> </ul>
Eureka Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>MUGA is only half court and looks worn with faded line markings.</li> </ul>
Maurice Lea Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>Could benefit from equipment to cater for 8-16 age range</li> </ul>
Swadlincote Woodlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>Could benefit from equipment to cater for toddler age ranges</li> </ul>
Walton on Trent, Coton Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains a range of equipment but some appears dated (i.e. swings, see-saw, slide)</li> </ul>
Stenson Fields Play Area, Pilgrims Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>Swing seat damaged and gate missing</li> <li>Could benefit from equipment to cater for 8-16 age range</li> </ul>
Station Street Rec Ground, Station Street, Castle Gresley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>Could benefit from equipment to cater for 8-16 age range</li> </ul>
Mount Pleasant Rec Ground, Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good range of equipment but could benefit from additional equipment to cater for younger age ranges</li> </ul>
Castleton Park, Brunel Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment generally good.</li> <li>Could benefit from wider age range of equipment</li> </ul>

High quality scores at some sites can be attributed to refurbishment of provision. For example, consultation with Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council highlights that the Collinson Road Play Area (83%) and the wider site was revamped with extra drainage installed. However, the Parish Council suggests drainage issues still exist and there are management problems with wear and tear of the well-used play area. Installation of CCTV cameras at the site has reduced anti-social behaviour.

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Overall, a total of 33 sites rate below the threshold for quality. Some of the lowest scoring sites include:

- ✦ Badgers Hollow MUGA, Linton (34%)
- ✦ Swadlincote Skate Park (35%)
- ✦ Arthur Street Rec Ground MUGA (35%)

Most sites scoring lower for quality is due to the perceived poorer quality site appearance and lack of or no signage. Arthur Street Rec Ground scores lower for surface and equipment quality. Both MUGAs at Badgers Hollow and Arthur street Rec Ground have no boundary fencing. However, both have parking.

Melbourne, Lothian Gardens (52%) scores below the quality threshold due to no signage and scores lower for personal security and controls to prevent illegal use. Consultation with Melbourne Parish Council identifies that this site is poor quality, with failed basketball equipment and missing football nets. Moreover, the site suffers from persistent older teenagers using the site for anti-social purposes who regularly vandalise the equipment. The Parish Council have informed the police, but action taken is extremely limited.

In addition, Ticknall Rec Ground (58%) scores just below the quality threshold. It scores well for site appearance and equipment quality. The site also has signage. However, it scores lower for surface quality and equipment range. Consultation with Ticknall Parish Council highlights that play provision is very old and in need of updating. The exception is for two new toddler swings the Parish Council installed within the last five years.

Rosliston Natural Playground (in Forestry Centre) scores below the quality threshold due to it being isolated and having a poor surface. This hinders usage of the site. There are other play areas nearer to the main entrance of the centre and car park. These are of a better quality as well as being less isolated and are likely used more.

Overall, 11 sites have no signage. These all score below the quality threshold. However, the majority of play sites do have signs. A total of 14 sites have faded, dirty or very poor signage. For example, Overseal Edward Street, Hilton Village Hall Site Peacroft Lane, Scropton Play Area and Swan Hill Play Area all have faded signs whilst Arthur Street Rec Ground Arthur Street Castle Gresley has a good sign albeit vandalised sign.

*Table 2.3.3: Summary of signage*

KKP Ref	Site name	Signage quality	Observations
27.1	Arthur Street Rec Ground, Arthur Street, Castle Gresley	OK condition but vandalised	Vandalised. Graffiti over symbols on sign
27.2	Arthur Street Rec Ground MUGA		
27.3	Arthur Street Rec Ground Youth Shelter		
68	Astbury Way play area	Good	Quite small
39	Aston on Trent Rec Ground, Shardlow Road, Aston on Trent	Okay	Bit dirty
51.1	Badgers Hollow Leisure Park, Coton Park, Linton	Quite good	
51.2	Badgers Hollow MUGA, Linton		
47	Barrow on Trent Play Area, Twyford Road, Barrow on Trent	Okay	Limited; name only

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KKP Ref	Site name	Signage quality	Observations
25	Barrow on Trent, Main Street play area	Poor	Dirty and mossy sign
57	Calke Abbey	Okay	Limited information
33	Castleton Park, Brunel Way	Okay	
24	Castleton Park, Luton Road	Good	
29	Church Broughton Rec Ground, Main Street, Church Broughton	Limited	Limited information
13	Coton in the Elms Rec Ground, Church Street, Coton in the Elms	Okay	Dirty
69	Donnington Drive play area	Good	
3	Egginton Rec Ground, Church Road, Egginton - Parish owned	Good	
59	Elvaston Castle	Okay	
36.1	Eureka Park, Newhall Road, Swadlincote	Okay	
36.2	Eureka Park outdoor gym	None	
70	Excelsior Drive play area	Okay	Bit dirty
49	Fabis Close Play Area, Swadlincote	Okay	
30	Findern Rec Ground, Hillside, Findern	Okay	
48	Findern Rec Ground, Willington Road, Findern	Okay	
62	Foremark Reservoir	Good	
15.1	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Mount Road, Hartshorne	Okay	
15.2	Hartshorne Rec Ground MUGA		
8	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Main Street, Hartshorne	Okay	
19.1	Hatton Recreation Ground, Scropton Road, Hatton	Faded	Faded
19.2	Hatton Recreation Ground MUGA, Hatton	Okay	
5	Hilton Foss Road play area	No sign	
10	Hilton Rec Ground, Main Street, Hilton	Okay	
14.1	Hilton Village Hall site, Peacroft Lane	Faded	Faded
14.2	Hilton Village Hall skateboard park	Okay	
38	Hilton Welland Road-Parish owned		Missing
55	King George Playing Fields, Egginton Road, Etwall	Okay	Dirty
11.1	Linton Rec Ground, Main Street, Linton	Okay	
11.2	Linton Rec Ground MUGA	General sign	
37.1	Maurice Lea Park, York Road, Church Gresley	Okay sign	Little slanted
37.2	Maurice Lea Park MUGA		
21	Melbourne Play Area, Coronation Close, Melbourne	Okay	Overgrown branch encroaching
2	Melbourne Play Area, Quick Close, Melbourne	Okay	

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KKP Ref	Site name	Signage quality	Observations
6	Melbourne, Lothian Gardens	No sign	
18	Melbourne, Sweet Leys Way, Off Station Road	No sign	
41	Mickleover, Swan Hill play area		Faded
53	Mickleover, Wren Way play area		Faded
52.1	Midway, Salisbury Drive,	Okay	
7	Mount Pleasant Rec Ground, Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley	Okay	
16.1	Netherseal Rec Ground, Main Street, Netherseal	Limited sign	
16.2	Netherseal Rec Ground MUGA	Okay	
43.1	Newhall Park	Okay	
43.2	Newhall Park MUGA	No sign	
43.3	Newhall Park skate park	No sign	
50	Newton Solney Rec Ground, Newton Close, Newton Solney	Ok	
42.1	Overseal Rec Ground, Woodville Road, Overseal	Good	
42.2	Overseal Rec Ground MUGA Woodville Road	Limited	No dogs only
9	Overseal, Edward Street		Faded
54	Repton Rec Ground, Mitre Drive, Repton	Okay	
60	Rosliston Main playground	No sign	
72	Rosliston natural play area (in Forestry Centre)	Okay	
34	Rosliston Play Area, Main Street, Rosliston	Okay	
71	Midway (Chestnut Avenue/Rowan Drive) play area	No sign	
52.2	Salisbury Drive MUGA	No sign	
67	Scropton Road play area	Okay	
23	Shardlow Play Area, The Wharf, Shardlow	Okay	
64.2	Shardlow Rec Ground MUGA	No sign	
40.1	Smisby Play Area, Chapel Street, Smisby	Okay	Sign is very small
4	Station Street Rec Ground, Station Street, Castle Gresley	Okay	
61	Staunton Harold	Okay	
28	Stenson Fields Play Area, Goathland Road, Stenson Fields	Okay	
22	Stenson Fields Play Area, Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields	Okay	
32	Swadlincote Skate Park	No sign	
44	Swadlincote Woodlands, Derby Road, Swadlincote	Okay	
12	Ticknall Rec Ground, Milton Road, Ticknall	Okay	
66	Trent Lane under 8s play area	No sign	
17	Walton on Trent, Coton Road	Good	

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KKP Ref	Site name	Signage quality	Observations
31	Weston on Trent Rec Ground, Kings Mill Lane, Weston on Trent	Poor	
46	Willington Play Area, Hall Lane, Willington	Okay	
56	Willington Play Area, Trent Avenue, Willington	Okay	
35.2	Woodville Rec Ground MUGA	No sign	
35.1	Woodville Rec Ground, New Road, Woodville	Good	
26	Woodville Woodlands, Arliston Drive	Okay	
1	Woodville, Blueberry Way play area	Very poor	

There is some inconsistency between the design and style of signage across South Derbyshire. Some signs follow the standardised SDDC format and style while others may vary. In some instances, only the name of the site is provided as part of the information contained on the sign. A good quality sign should be clear, easy to read and contain some basic information such as:

- ✦ Site name
- ✦ Ownership/body responsible for site
- ✦ Contact details
- ✦ Rules/regulations for use (i.e. no dogs, etc)

There are 26 sites with signage that is considered to meet the examples of good practice. There are also 27 sites viewed as following the standardised style favoured by SDDC.

It is also important for sites containing facilities such as skate parks, ramps and BMX tracks to have additional or specific information. This should relate to the location and emergency contact details in the event of an accident. Of the three sites to contain skate/BMX facilities, only one (Hilton Village Hall) is viewed to have a sign with appropriate information displayed. The two sites without are Swadlincote Skate Park and Newhall Park Skate Park.

### 2.4 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance) site assessment scores are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table overleaf summarises the results of the value assessment for children and young people in South Derbyshire. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value.

*Table 2.4.1: Value ratings for provision for children and young people in South Derbyshire*

Area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		<20%	>20%
South Derbyshire	25%	62%	91%	65%	0	82

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All of play provision in South Derbyshire is rated as being above the threshold for value. This demonstrates the role play provision provides in allowing children to play but also the contribution sites make in terms of giving children and young people safe places to learn, for physical and mental activity, to socialise with others and in creating aesthetically pleasing local environments.

Sites scoring particularly high for value tend to reflect the size and amount/range and standard of equipment present on site. Some of the highest scoring sites are:

- ◀ Melbourne, Lothian Gardens (91%)
- ◀ Newhall Park (91%)
- ◀ King George Playing Fields, Egginton Road, Etwall (91%)
- ◀ Calke Abbey (91%)

Diverse equipment to cater for a range of ages is also essential. Sites containing a variety of provision tend to rate higher for value; as evidenced by some of the sites listed above; Newhall Park has a play area, MUGA, youth shelter and five-a-side area. Melbourne, Lothian Gardens features a MUGA. King George Playing Fields has a youth shelter.

Previous play audits by SDDC have recognised the play value at sites offered by diverse forms of equipment. These have identified the ability for different play actions such as sliding, climbing, rocking and swinging. There are 30 sites identified as offering the ability to play in terms of sliding, climbing, rocking and swinging. These can be identified in the site visit database.

Despite Melbourne, Lothian Gardens scoring high for value, it scores below the quality threshold. The site has quite a good range of equipment. However, it has no signage, a missing basketball hoop and scores lower for controls to prevent illegal use. Consultation with Melbourne Parish Council highlights that the basketball equipment is not used and football nets are missing. The site is highlighted as being persistently used by older teenagers for anti-social purposes.

Sites scoring lower for value reflect a lack of diverse equipment. For example, Rosliston Natural Playground is observed as containing a commando run form of provision. Consequently, it does not receive scores for value in terms of swinging, sliding or rocking. It does however rate for climbing.

It is also important to recognise the benefits of play in terms of healthy, active lifestyles, social inclusion and interaction between children plus its developmental and educational value. The importance of play and of children's rights to play in their local communities is essential.



## 2.6 Audit summary

### Provision for children and young people summary

- ✦ There are 83 play provision sites in South Derbyshire; a total of over four hectares.
- ✦ This is an increase to the 2014 audit which contained 64 sites. Part of the increase is due to multiple forms of provision being located at the same site. For instance, a play area and a MUGA at the same site are now classified as two separate entries. There has however been a genuine increase in the number of actual play sites (71).
- ✦ Play provision in South Derbyshire is summarised using the Fields In Trust (FIT) classifications. Most is identified as being of LEAP (51%) classification.
- ✦ A greater proportion of play sites (60%) rate above the threshold for quality. Lower quality scoring sites tends to reflect a lack in and/or range of equipment and/or its general condition.
- ✦ Overall, the general standard in quality is good. No significant concerns to the condition and maintenance of provision are highlighted. In comparison to other local authorities, the overall play stock is considered to be above average. Often studies can highlight a need for consolidation and wholesale improvement to play stock. However, for South Derbyshire this is not the case. This is in-keeping with the findings from the 2014 audit which identified a lower proportion of sites to rate below average<sup>4</sup>.
- ✦ All play provision rates above the threshold for value; reflecting the social, healthy and developmental benefits provision can provide to playing.

## 2.7 Recommendations

A number of recommendations are set out below based on the findings of the play audit and consultation with key officers at SDDC. These include (in no particular order):

*Table 2.7.1: Recommendations*

Recommendation	Explanation
Introduction of a painting programme	<p>Whilst overall quality of the play provision is deemed generally good, several comments from parish council consultation and site visits highlight a lack of a programme for the painting of play equipment. In some instances, parish councils cite certain sites as never having had a refresh of paint.</p> <p>Consequently, exploring a programme to ensure equipment receives a sufficient level of painting is recommended.</p>
Consistency of signage	<p>As discussed above, the level of signage across sites is variable. Many sites lack the basic information which should be presented.</p> <p>There is also a wide variety in the design and style of signage. Reviewing further the current signage at sites is recommended to ensure a consistent design and approach.</p> <p>The priority should be at those sites with play equipment necessitating additional information for safety reasons (i.e. skate parks such as Swadlincote Skate Park, Newhall Park etc).</p>

<sup>4</sup> A direct comparison is not possible as different methodologies to score and rate sites was used

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Recommendation	Explanation
Ownership/maintenance responsibilities	<p>For most sites it is understood who is responsible for the equipment and its maintenance. However, there are several sites where the information on who is responsible is unclear or unknown. This is likely reflected in part to the two recommendations above. The Council should investigate further, with assistance from the parish councils, the current leases in place and the remaining length of the agreements. The findings of this audit report should help initially however further work is needed to have a full understanding of the current arrangements and responsibilities.</p>
Move to electronic system of data storage	<p>The current system of site checking and reviews by the council is carried out in paper format. For efficiencies of data collection and sharing the Council should explore moving to an electronic software system to aid in such tasks. This will also help in the long-term storage of data in case it is ever needed in the future.</p> <p>There are many established asset management systems such as Citrix available on the market. However, for the purposes of what is needed a more play specific software might be better. There are several play area specific management systems. A couple of the more play specific ones and which may meet the requirements of the council include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>PSSLive</b> – comprehensive and highly recommended by many LA's but potentially quite costly.</li> <li>◆ <b>Play Inspection Company</b> – offers an online playground inspection app designed specifically for local authorities and contractors.</li> </ul>

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### APPENDIX ONE: RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

KKP Ref	Site name	Hazard and potential consequence	Control measures	Risk rating
<i>KKP Ref</i>		<i>This column should be used to identify all significant hazards associated with the activity. Each hazard should be listed individually</i>	<i>Measures (if applicable) are mandatory and should already be in place</i>	<i>When evaluating risk, consider both the likelihood of the hazard occurring and the potential severity</i>
1	Woodville, Blueberry Way play area	Small surface gaps and unevenness – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium
3	Egginton Rec Ground, Church Road, Egginton	Moss on surface. Potentially slippery surfaces when wet – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium
4	Station Street Rec Ground, Station Street, Castle Gresley	Mossy surface by toddler swing – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium
5	Hilton Foss Road play area	Damaged boundary fencing. Large gaps. Damaged bench – potential trip and fall hazards	Bench needs immediate review. Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required for fencing and surfaces	High
6	Melbourne, Lothian Gardens	Small gaps in surface, leaves on edge on MUGA and within near boundary fence – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
8	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Main Street, Hartshorne	Old mossy bench, damaged boundary fencing, dip by swings where puddles form – potential trip and fall hazards	Fencing needs reviewing. Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required for bench and surfaces	Low/Medium
9	Overseal, Edward Street	Moss/Algae particularly on edge near multiplay and underneath this equipment – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium

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KKP Ref	Site name	Hazard and potential consequence	Control measures	Risk rating
11.1	Linton Rec Ground, Main Street, Linton	Small patches of mossy surfaces – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
13	Coton in the Elms Rec Ground, Church Street, Coton in the Elms	Thin layer of mossy surfaces – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
15.1	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Mount Road, Hartshorne	Mossy surface by swings– potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
16.1	Netherseal Rec Ground, Main Street, Netherseal	Surface wear and tear, sandy by junior swings. Uneven surfaces. Overgrown grass. Mossy. Loose parts of surface. Unnecessary gate when no boundary fencing – potential trip hazard and trapped fingers	Removal of gate. Regular monitoring of surfaces to point where replacement is required	High
17	Walton on Trent, Coton Road	Hole on grass surface by swings frame. Not under swings but near – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low/Medium
18	Melbourne, Sweet Leys Way, Off Station Road	Gate closes quickly as on bit of a slope – potential trapped fingers and impact to users	Gate needs review and repairing as appropriate.	Medium
22	Stenson Fields Play Area, Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields	No gates – unrestricted entry and exist points, potential of eye height impact	Gate needs reviewing with repairing or full removal of support posts.	Low
23	Shardlow Play Area, The Wharf, Shardlow	Lots of leaves on surface – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
25	Barrow on Trent, Main Street play area	Leaves, small twigs, moss – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low/Medium
28	Stenson Fields Play Area, Goathland Road, Stenson Fields	Cracks in surface/small gaps. Some moss on some surfaces – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low

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KKP Ref	Site name	Hazard and potential consequence	Control measures	Risk rating
29	Church Broughton Rec Ground, Main Street, Church Broughton	Gaps between surface by toddler swing. Broken bench. Others fine. – potential trip and fall hazards	Bench needs immediate review. Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required for surfaces	Medium/High
30	Findern Rec Ground, Hillside, Findern	Leaves, branches and twigs – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
32	Swadlincote Skate Park	Gaps in surfacing, presence of litter – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low/medium
35.1	Woodville Rec Ground, New Road, Woodville	Uneven ground in parts e.g. under swings. Boundary by fencing uneven and unnecessary – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low/medium
43.1	Newhall Park	Rubbish by skate park – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
47	Barrow on Trent Play Area, Twyford Road, Barrow on Trent	Not best access to site, have to go through uneven stoned car park where there are piles of stones – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
48	Findern Rec Ground, Willington Road, Findern	Small gaps between surface – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
50	Newton Solney Rec Ground, Newton Close, Newton Solney	Mossy surface under most equipment – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium
51.1	Badgers Hollow Leisure Park, Coton Park, Linton	Moss and leaves – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
53	Mickleover, Wren Way play area	Twigs and leaves – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
54	Repton Rec Ground, Mitre Drive, Repton	Gaps in surface – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Medium

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KKP Ref	Site name	Hazard and potential consequence	Control measures	Risk rating
62	Foremark Reservoir	Large puddle by one of the equipment suggesting potential uneven ground – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low
71	Midway (Chestnut Avenue/Rowan Drive) play area	Back rest of one of the benches is missing – potential fall and impact hazards	Bench needs immediate review with it being made safe.	Low
72	Rosliston natural play area (in Forestry Centre)	Isolated, muddy access, long grass – potential trip hazard	Regular monitoring to point where replacement is required	Low

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### APPENDIX TWO: PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Parish Council	Ownership	Concerns and general information	Maintenance (of equipment and grass if cited)
Aston-on-Trent	Aston-on-Trent Rec Ground, Shardlow Road, Aston on Trent- owned and maintained by PC	Very good quality. New-3 yrs old	PC state owned and maintained by PC. Weekly checks undertaken by parish councillors. Insurance company, Zurich, recently inspected on 19 Oct
Barrow Upon Trent	Barrow on Trent Play Area (aka Susie Dixon Park) - Owned by PC.	Good quality and has gym equip for teens and adults.	Safety checked weekly by PC, external company check equipment annually & service. PC mow the grass weekly in summer. Any expenses are paid by PC as they own and maintain site.
	Barrow on Trent, Main Street play area owned by SDDC leased to PC	Play area behind school is badly in need of refurbishment.	PC check but SDDC own and are responsible for repairs, maintenance and upgrades.
Bretby	-	No play provision at all. The Parish Council is keen to have a small play area for toddlers and young children. They are asking landowners for some land for a small play area	-
Egginton	Egginton Rec Ground, Church Road, Egginton - Parish owned-leased from SDDC	Adequate quality. The PC has recently paid for the refurbishment of the play equipment. The equipment was originally erected in 2000/01 as a joint venture between the two Councils under a scheme of joint funding. Scheme replaced by a general Community Funding grant to which applications have to be made and approved (felt to be oversubscribed/ limited). The PC is in the process of looking at the playing field and equipment with a	SDDC mows the playing field and carries out checks and maintenance of the play equipment. SDDC carries out an annual safety check and carries out any minor maintenance. There has been no regular painting of the equipment which is why the PC over the last two years has spent monies on its it's inspection by the original suppliers (Playdale) and the subsequent refurbishment and replacement of some parts. PC assumes it will have to replace/decommission the equipment as and when as it does not believe SDDC will.



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		view to preparing a project to improve the appearance and addition of more equipment. This will involve applying for a Community Grant from SDDC. The equipment is nearly 20 years old and is tired. The PC has been looking at extending and replacing parts of it but is currently struggling financially.	
Etwall	King George Playing Fields, Egginton Road, Etwall managed-owned by King George Field Charity	Good quality-some of the play equipment are new but some are looking tired.	The play equipment is maintained by SDDC. Maintenance of wider site is assumed to be PC and/or King George Field Charity.
Findern	Fndern Rec Ground, Willington Road Owned/Managed by Findern Parish Council under Charity Number 520461.	Adequate but improvements are being planned. The PC is currently in the process of planning to install a BMX track	PC hires contractors to complete all maintenance
	Findern Rec ground, Hillside, Findern-SDDC own	Quality is adequate	
Foston and Scropton	Scropton Play Area, Scropton Road. Ownership unresolved	Poor quality. Play provision in Scropton is very limited as there are only 2 pieces of equipment.	Yearly inspection of equipment takes place and the PC pay for any work that is picked up on the report. A yearly inspection takes places by ROSPA, the PC pay for the inspection. The PC pay for any repairs that are required to the play equipment. The Lengthsman or a contractor carry out any repairs on behalf of the PC. There is limited equipment therefore no painting has taken place. Equipment has not been replaced if it has been taken out of use.

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Hartshorne	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Mount Road (aka Goseley Rec) - leased from SDDC.	Rec ground good quality.	PC maintain all of site
	Midway, Salisbury Drive- leased from SDDC.	Salisbury Drive good quality.	PC maintain all of site, however there is a fenced off area for under 8's at Salisbury Drive that SDDC maintain
	Hartshorne Rec Ground, Main Street- owned by PC	Main street adequate quality	PC maintain all of site
Hatton	Hatton Recreation Ground, Scropton Road -owned by PC	Good quality	PC have a monthly inspection undertaken by an external contractor, who inspects and then repairs any defects identified.
Hilton	Hilton Village Hall site, Peacroft Lane. Part owned/part leased.	Good quality. Has a skate park, AstroTurf, football pitches, children's play area, table tennis area.	SDDC maintain
	Hilton Rec Ground, Main Street-owned by PC.	Good quality	PC do own maintenance and call in contractors as required.
	Hilton Welland Road Play Area.	PC cite developer owns	Maintenance responsibility unknown. Assumed to be developer
	Foss Way Play Area- owned by SDCC		SDDC maintain
Linton	Linton Rec Ground, Main Street-owned by PC	Adequate quality	PC Employ Bloomin' Gardens to complete weekly Play Equipment checks. PC pay for any repairs if SDDC Ground Maintenance Staff cannot repair it. SDDC will repair where they can but if not, the PC will call in a company. PC would be responsible for replacing equipment should it be taken out of use.

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	Badgers Hollows Rec Ground- Owned by SDDC. Leased to Linton Parish Council on a long term lease agreement		PC Employ Bloomin' Gardens to complete weekly Play Equipment checks. SDDC own the equipment but PC have a Long Term Lease. SDDC employ insurance company to Risk Assess the equipment once per year, we receive a copy of this from SDDC. PC pay for any repairs if SDDC Ground Maintenance Staff cannot repair it. SDDC will repair where they can but if not the PC will call in a company. Equip has never been repainted as majority of equip is wood. PC would be responsible for replacing equip if was taken out of use but would also look to SDDC to help fund this.
Melbourne	Melbourne, Lothian Gardens-owned by PC	Poor quality. MUGA, but not caged, basketball failed and football nets gone. Just a tarmac surface. PC had 2 successful applications to install new play equipment, but big item removed as it failed the RoSPA inspection. Was made of wood and rotting. Replacement will be expensive due to size of equipment. Site suffers from persistent anti-social behaviour by older teenagers, regularly vandalise the equipment and drug use. Police advised, but action taken is limited.	Site checked daily by PC staff and then quarterly by an external contractor. Pc undertake maintenance.
	Melbourne Play Area, Coronation Close- SDCC own and maintain		SDDC own and maintain a small site at Coronation Close
	Melbourne, Sweet Way- SDDC own and maintain		SDDC own and maintain a small play area at Sweet Leys
Netherseal	Netherseal Recreation Ground, Main Street-owned by PC	Good quality.	Pc undertake weekly inspection and any repairs needed

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Overseal	Overseal Recreation Ground, Woodville Road-owned by PC	Fairly good quality. It includes a MUGA (caged), fitness equipment suitable for older children and adults, and some play equipment suitable for older children	Basic inspections are carried out by SDDC and reported to Parish Clerk annually. However, PC inspect the sites monthly and either undertake repairs or ask SDDC, depending on the level of expertise required.
	Overseal, Edward Street - owned by SDDC		SDDC maintain
Repton	Repton Rec Ground, Mitre Drive, Repton-owned by PC	Adequate quality. Minor defects on the play equipment have been highlighted on the insurance reports carried out by SDCC	SDDC are responsible for play equipment. PC are responsible for the outer fencing.
Rosliston	Rosliston Play Area, Main Street, Rosliston	Good quality	PC own and maintain the equipment. Inspected by Playdale (annually). The play equipment is not painted.
Ticknall	Ticknall Rec Ground, (The Grange) - leased by PC	Adequate quality. The play provision is very old and in need of updating, apart from 2 new swings for toddlers that the PC installed and paid for within the last 5 years?	Checked for hazards by PC but maintained by SDDC. SDDC responsible for repairs. PC have painted equipment in past but are not required to do so under the lease agreement. SDDC are responsible for replacing equip should it be disengaged however the PC installed two new additional swings for small children which were paid for by the PC with the help of a grant from SDDC.
Weston on Trent	Weston on Trent Rec Ground, Kings Mill Lane-leased by PC.	Good quality	Yearly inspections by outside company and report acted on. Monthly inspections by councillors on informal basis
	Trent Lane under 8s play area-leased by PC	Good quality	Yearly inspections by outside company and report acted on. Monthly inspections by councillors on informal basis

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Woodville	Woodville Recreation Ground-Freehold	Play equipment poor MUGA adequate. Parish Council and Friends of Woodville Parish are undertaking a project to replace play equipment at the Recreation Ground. Total Project approx. £160k. Funding of over £120k already secured. Work due to start on site this Autumn. PC will own and maintain all equipment.	PC Council maintains MUGA. SDDC maintain play equipment. For MUGA, PC inspects play equip, pay for repairs, carries out repairs, arranges painting of equip and responsible for replacing equip. SDDC inspect and repair for play equipment. Once new play equipment is installed, the PC will own and maintain all equipment.
	Woodville Woodlands, Arliston Drive	Good quality toddler equipment	SDDC maintain
	Woodville, Blueberry Way Play Area	Adequate toddler equipment	SDDC maintain

# Play Audit

## Action Plan 2019

(Outdoor Play Facilities)

Cultural Services  
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## **Executive Summary**

Like most local authorities, South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) is responsible for a large number of play areas and youth facilities. These include-

- Sites for Toddlers
- Sites for Older children
- Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs)
- Skateparks

This Play Area Action Plan is a companion document to the Play Audit and Play Improvement Programme, and has been created to provide SDDC with a planned way forward providing current, medium and long-term direction.

In addition it outlines issues and essential actions for dealing with play provision. In particular it aims to:

- optimise the provision and management of its play facilities
- improve its service to residents, families, children and young people
- reduce the number of play area-related complaints
- mitigate the potential for future negligence claims resulting from accidents
- support planning policy and development
- improve facilities

This document has been created with due consideration to current international, national legislation and national, regional, and sub-regional policy, UK legal case law, and applicable non-governmental organisations' policy and guidance relating to outdoor play and youth facility provision.

## **Action Plan - A Strategic Approach**

### **1.0 Introduction**

#### **1.1 Purpose of this Action Plan**

- 1.1.1 This Action Plan is intended to establish a clearer, consistent and more structured approach to managing and maintaining outdoor play facilities in SDDC following the recent Play Area audit. It will help to ensure that current services are improved in terms of enhancements through capital spending improvements, improved inspection and maintenance, data management, and customer relationship management. This is a companion document to both the Play Audit April 2019 and the Phase 1 Play Area Capital Improvement Plan.

#### **1.2 SDDC Play Area Data**

- 1.2.1 The Play Audit Report 2019 provides information about the quantity and quality/value of play areas in SDDC using the Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) recommended criteria.

Key information	
Number of sites	64
Play Area Number	83
SDDC owned approximate figure	40
Parish-owned/leased approximate figure	31
Playground repair costs 2018/19 all sites	£37,000
SDDC inspection of play areas by Operational Services	Monthly
Play Area inspections at Staffed parks Maurice Lea and Eureka parks	Daily
Play Area inspection at Swadlincote Woodlands	Weekly
Number of reported accidents 2018/9	10

## 2.0 Strategic Approach

### 2.1 Vision

- 2.1.1 “South Derbyshire will be a District where its outdoor play provision and facilities for children and young people are properly managed and well-maintained so that they can make their optimum contribution to the health and well-being of the community, whilst providing valuable play opportunities for families of residents and visitors.”

### 2.2 Mission

- 2.2.1 To manage, improve, increase and maintain the play provision and facilities for children and young people for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.”

### 2.3 Core Aims

Aims and objectives

The aims of this strategic approach are to:

1. Protect and improve the quality and safety of the district’s outdoor play provision;
2. Ensure outdoor play provision contributes to healthier lifestyles through the provision of facilities with high play value
3. Raise the profile, value and understanding of play for the benefit of the District
4. To provide sufficient financial and human resources to deliver the agreed objectives and action plan subject to the Council’s Corporate Change Management Staff Restructure and Budget processes.

To achieve the vision, mission and aims, this strategic approach and Action Plan has the following objectives:

1. To develop a strategy for outdoor play provision and facilities for children and young people
2. To ensure that there is an efficient, effective and economically sound programme of management of outdoor play provision and facilities for children and young people
3. To ensure that there is an efficient, effective and economically sound programme of inspection and maintenance to keep outdoor play areas safe and in good order
4. To provide sufficient financial and human resources to deliver the agreed objectives and action plan subject to the Council's Corporate Change Management Staff restructure and Budget processes.
5. To develop Quality Assurance and Performance Management systems.

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<b>Objective 1. To develop a strategy for outdoor play provision and facilities for children and young people</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Priority</b>
1.1	Agree recommendations for a Play Development Strategy	Members and leadership team	Approval given	2020	High

<b>Objective 2. To ensure that there is an efficient, effective and economically sound programme of management of outdoor play provision and facilities for children and young people</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Priority</b>
2.1	Maintain and enhance a legally compliant survey/ inspection cycle of all SDDC Play Equipment	Operational Services/Cultural Services	Percentage of annual inspections completed. With quarterly review	Quarterly/annually	High
2.2	Review frequency of inspections to ensure legal compliance	Cultural services/insurance	Review completed	April 2020	High
2.3	To agree and implement a specification of regular maintenance work e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bark topping</li> <li>• Bark forking</li> <li>• equipment painting</li> <li>• signage cleaning</li> </ul>	Cultural Services/Operational Services/external contractors (painting)	Specification agreed and implementation date	April 2020	Medium
2.4	Monitor and record repairs work arising from inspections, customer contact etc.	Cultural Services/Operational Services	Ongoing and to be transferred to the software implementation	April 2020	Medium
2.5	Review service standards and establish an effective quality assurance and monitoring system for all aspects of play provision.	Cultural Services/Operational Services	Specific system will be dependant on software implementation	Sept 2020	Medium

	E.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target of 100% inspections completed annually</li> <li>Improvements to play value</li> </ul>				
<b>2.6</b>	Commission and procure a bespoke electronic software system (which is compatible with Council's GIS and IT systems and procurement of overall asset management system) to aid :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asset Management</li> <li>Inspections (with handheld device)</li> <li>Mapping</li> <li>Data capture</li> <li>Maintenance programme</li> <li>Repair records</li> <li>Accident reporting</li> <li>Customer Relationship Management</li> <li>Training requirements</li> </ul>	Cultural Services/IT/Operational Services	Implementation date of software and handheld hardware	Sept 2020	High
<b>2.7</b>	To update, improve, standardise signage at play areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify sites with worst signage</li> <li>Agree signage design/format</li> <li>Implement rolling programme of improvements/installation</li> </ul>	Cultural Services CS/Comms CS/Operational Services	Completion of signage review Design agreed Programme initiated	April 2020  June 2020 Sept 2020	High  High High
<b>2.8</b>	To continue research to clarify ownership details of play areas and management responsibilities	Cultural Services/ Property/ Legal	Ongoing	Completion September 2020	Medium
<b>2.9</b>	To make arrangements for regular audits on a three yearly basis	Cultural Services	Audit Completion	April 2022	Medium
<b>2.10</b>	Develop a phased capital improvement programme of works based on available funding and Council priorities	Cultural Services/ Planning	Implementation of a targeted phased capital programme	See programme	High

<b>Objective 3. To ensure that there is an efficient, effective and economically sound programme of inspection and delivering maintenance to keep outdoor play areas safe and in good order</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Deliver the annual programme of regular inspections according to site requirements	Operational Services	100% inspections	Ongoing
<b>3.2</b>	Deliver the identified programme of play equipment repairs and maintenance work arising from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspections</li> <li>Zurich insurance reports</li> <li>Customer contact</li> <li>Councillor enquiries</li> <li>Parish Council</li> <li>Service Monitoring</li> </ul>	Operational Services/external contractors	To be agreed	Ongoing

<b>3.3</b>	To deliver the agreed regular maintenance work e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bark topping</li> <li>• Bark forking</li> <li>• equipment painting</li> <li>• signage cleaning</li> </ul>	Operational Services/external contractors	As per programme	Ongoing
<b>3.4</b>	Review and improve the repairs service to meet customer needs and current demands	Cultural Services and Operational Services	Annual Review	Dec
<b>3.5</b>	Carry out a training programme for all staff subject to agreement from Policy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly procured software system</li> <li>• Customer relationship management system</li> <li>• Hand held devices/other hardware</li> <li>• etc</li> </ul>	Cultural Services and Operational Services	Completion of training programme	Sept 2020

<b>Objective 4. To provide sufficient financial and human resources to deliver the agreed objectives and action plan.</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target/measurement</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Identify human resources required to deliver programme Subject to the review of Cultural and Community Services and to the Council's Corporate Change Management Staff Restructure and Budget processes.	Cultural & Community Services	Housing and Community Services Committee report completed	Dec 2019
<b>4.2</b>	Identify potential financial, human and other resources required to deliver each action e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• software purchase</li> <li>• hardware/handheld devices</li> <li>• improved management of play and youth facilities</li> <li>• consultations relating to play facility improvements</li> <li>• research of ownership</li> <li>• inspection improvements</li> <li>• repair service improvements</li> </ul>		Completion of costings  Revenue budget agreement  Identification S106 available	Oct 2019  Feb 2020  April 2020
<b>4.3</b>	Identify the costs involved in delivering play audit action plan	Cultural Services	Completion of costings	October 2019
<b>4.4</b>	Identify potential funding sources available to deliver the capital improvement programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential base budget increase</li> <li>• Section 106 maintenance funds</li> <li>• Section 106 capital funds</li> <li>• External grant funding</li> <li>• Local Authorities Parks Improvement Funding</li> </ul>	Cultural Services	Completion of costings	Feb 2019

<b>Objective 5. To develop Quality Assurance and Performance Management systems.</b>				
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target/ measurement</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>
<b>5.1</b>	To establish baseline figures for future targets based on current practice and standards.	Cultural & Community Services Operational Services	Baseline figures completed	June 2020
<b>5.2</b>	To develop service standards and key performance indicators. For example to measure targets related to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections</li> <li>• repairs</li> <li>• play value</li> <li>• customer satisfaction</li> <li>• accidents/claims</li> </ul>	Cultural & Community Services Operational Services	Service standards and KPIs agreed	Sept 2020
<b>5.3</b>	To undertake a full external play audit every three years.	Cultural Services	Ongoing	March 2022 March 2025 etc.
<b>5.4</b>	To publish the findings of the play audit on the Council's website.	Cultural Services	Completion of costings	April 2022

Appendix 3

**Play Audit Improvement Programme**

Phase 1 Play Area Capital Improvement Programme								
No	Play Area/ Site	Owner	Audit Score	Improvement/ Action Needed	Source of funding	Amount required (estimated)	Amount currently available	Timeframe
1.	Woodhouses Skate Park, Swadlincote	SDDC	35.1%	Extension to skatepark following consultation with users	S106 Capital	£60,000	£12,000	March 2021
2.	Newhall Park Older Children's	SDDC	N/A	New equipment including zip slide	S106 Capital plus grant aid & LAPIF	£80,000	£39,000	Sept 2020
3.	Swadlincote Woodlands Play	SDDC	61.2% FPL	Complete refurbishment	S106 Capital	£80,000	£19,000	March 2021
4.	Rosliston Forestry Centre	SDDC	40.2%	Complete refurbishment	Capital reserve S106 Capital	Depends on contract procurement	£150,000 & £34,000	March 2021
5.	Coton in the Elms Rec	SDDC	72.9	Disabled access – steep slope to entrance	S106 Capital LAPIF	£4,000	£4,000	June 2020
6.	Arthur Street, Castle Gresley	SDDC	35.1%	Refurbishment following consultation (MUGA & Youth Shelter)	S106 Capital	£100,000	0	Subject to funding
7.	Eureka Park Older Children's	SDDC	N/A FPL	New equipment following consultation	S106 Capital	£80,000	Up to £60,000	Nov 2020
8.	Foss Road Hilton	SDDC	43.6%	New fence	S106 Maintenance	£3,000	£3,000	June 2020
9.	Hilton Village Hall play area	Hilton PC	75.9	Improvements following consultation with PC	S106 Capital	£23,000	£23,000	Feb 2022
10.	Scropton Rd, Scropton	SDDC/PC	53.6%	Consultation for future	LAPIF	£10,000	£10,000	April 2020



	Village			improvements				
11.	Scropton Road, Hatton	PC	78.4	Improvements to play equipment	S106 capital	£11,000		By Feb 2021
12.	Numerous sites	SDDC/PC	N/A	Signage improvements	S106 Maintenance	£20,000	£20,000	Rolling Annual Programme
13.	Shardlow Recreation Ground - MUGA	School	36.1%	No access or funding available		£0		
14.	Maurice Lea Memorial Park - MUGA	SDDC	39.2%	Not considered to be in need of improvement yet		£0		
15.	Etwall King George V Playing Field	Etwall PC	83.8	Possible outdoor gym or MUGA. Needs PC input.	S106 Capital	Depends on scale/priorities	£46,000	By October 2023
16.	Overseal Recreation Ground	Overseal PC	65.3	Possible MUGA improvements. Needs PC input.	S106 Capital	Needs PC input	£43,000	By June 2022
17.	Urban Park, William Nadin Way, Swadlincote	SDDC	N/A	Play element of larger project currently under design	S106 Capital Grant aid	Awaiting design options and costs	Part of £420,000 S106	Project plan & timetable pending
18.	Excelsior Drive, Woodville	SDDC	72.9	New or improved equipment	S106 Capital	£2,000	£2,000	By March 2022

**Note:** Some of the S106 capital funding allows for options of use within sites so not all funding is guaranteed to be used for play facilities but play will be considered alongside other options and priorities sometimes as identified by Parish Councils.

**Abbreviations:**

LAPIF – Local Authority Play Improvement Fund

FPL – Facility Project List (These projects are identified in the Open Space and Facility Development Strategy Facility Project list)

<b>Additional Resource Plan for Playground Improvements - estimates</b>					
<b>No</b>	<b>Resource required</b>	<b>Capital/Set up amount</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
1.	Staffing	£0	Currently being estimated	Detailed in future report to H&CS committee	Nov 2019
2.	Play Inspection/Management Software	£10,000	£3,000	Set up - S106 maintenance Ongoing - Revenue budget	June 2020
3.	Hardware including handhelds	£2,000	£500	Set up - S106 maintenance Ongoing - Revenue budget	June 2020
4.	Signage improvement	£20,000	£1,000	Set up - S106 maintenance Ongoing - Revenue budget	Sept 2020
5.	Equipment painting programme	£0	£4,000	Ongoing - Revenue budget	Sept 2020
6.	Bark Topping	£0	£4,000	Ongoing - Revenue budget	Sept 2020
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£32,000</b>	<b>£12,500</b>		

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<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b> <a href="mailto:democraticservices@south-derbys.gov.uk">democraticservices@south-derbys.gov.uk</a>	<b>DOC:</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That the Committee considers and approves the updated work programme.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the updated work programme.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Attached at Annexe 'A' is an updated work programme document. The Committee is asked to consider and review the content of this document.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **5.0 Background Papers**

5.1 Work Programme.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20																											Annexe A		
Project		Committee Date																									Responsible Head of Service		
		Jun-19			Sep-19			Oct-19			Nov-19			Jan-20			Feb-20			Apr-20									
				19			4				16				27			15			12					1			
Annual Report																												Head of Legal and Democratic Services	
RIPA																												Head of Legal and Democratic Services	
Setting the Work Programme																												Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Budget																												Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Section 106 Health Allocations																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Rural Play Provision																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Rural Broadband																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Update on Universal Credit																												Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Affordable Housing																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Balancing Ponds																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Cycling Provision in South Derbyshire																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Performance measures and benchmarking																												Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Fly-tipping Targets																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Recycling																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
Rural and Urban Expenditure																												Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)	
Traffic Calming and Management																												Strategic Director (Service Delivery)	
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