

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM	Pages
<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 3 August 2020 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on jean.mcpherson@crawley.gov.uk.</p>	3 - 6
<p>2 Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders</p> <p>The following documents are attached in relation to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders.• Southgate Avenue, Three Bridges/Southgate (Appendix A).• Brighton Road, Three Bridges/Southgate (Appendix B).• Station Way, Three Bridges/Southgate (Appendix C).	7 - 14
<p>3 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Continuation of Capital Investment for Medlar Close Play Area</p> <p>The most recent Unsupervised Play Investment Strategy (2014 – 2019) came to an end in March 2020, at that stage there were 12 forecasted projects remaining in the investment programme consisting of several sites that did not require investment at that time.</p> <p>A full review was then conducted to assess the requirements for the outstanding sites as well as all other play areas within the portfolio, all of which have now been reprioritised and incorporated into a new draft investment plan that will be developed through a cross party working group in order to produce a new strategy.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the previous policy decision having now expired, as well as a crucial Section 106 (S106) spend deadline of June 2021 for some of the relevant funds, interim arrangements are needed to ensure that funds can be spent within the necessary timescales.</p>	



The investments that are now proposed for this current year (which includes Medlar Close) are the only viable combination of projects that ensure the most effective prioritisation of S106 funds within the spend deadline whilst facilitating the continuation of key investments.

Medlar Close was also one of the remaining projects in the original 2014-2019 strategy and at the point of review this particular project had already been consulted upon, tendered and awarded; therefore in this particular case there was a recommendation to continue the investment as it is already at an advanced stage.

Therefore, on 6 August 2020, the Deputy Chief Executive took the Significant Operational Decision to approve the continuation of the proposed investment at Medlar Close Play Area by progressing the renovation within the previously allocated budget. This was approved with a minor amendment to the original scope, this is the omission of the in ground trampoline; due to the unpredictable technical performance the equipment item typically requires additional spend to ensure its continuous service without costly maintenance, therefore it will be omitted from this particular scheme.

4 **Consideration Report: Unsupervised Play Area Investments**

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Consideration report HCS/22 of the Head of Community Services is attached.

5 **Press Releases**

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