

**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**  
Record of Executive Decision

**Project Appraisal: New Play Area (VIE site)**

<b>Decision of:</b>	Councillor Cantrill, Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation		
<b>Reference:</b>	10/CS/AR/02		
<b>Date of decision:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	<b>Recorded on:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Non Key Decision		
<b>Matter for Decision:</b>	The project is to create and equip a small play area within the designated space in accordance with the S106 agreement for the VIE development site - at an estimated cost of £30,000, funded from S106 contributions from Children's play		
<b>Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):</b>	<p>The need for an urgent decision is due to the nature of the funding stream as the financial support for this project is to come from a time limited Section 106 contribution. These funds are time limited and due to expire on 01/11/2010.</p> <p>As the project is not on the capital plan, approval needs to be made and would have been made within the normal timeline, but as the decision for the adoption of the Medium Term Strategy which approves all additions to the capital plan has been delayed from Full Council on 21/10/2010 until the Special meeting 08/11/10 the decision and authority to spend the funds will no longer fall within the required conditions of the S106 agreement and funds could therefore be liable for return.</p> <p>As specified under Part 4C 6.1.2 of the Councils Constitution, It was not deemed practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.</p>		
<b>The Executive Councillor's decision(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommend this capital scheme to the Leader for approval and inclusion in the Capital plan, as an Urgent Decision, subject to resources being available to fund the capital cost associated with the Scheme. The total capital cost of the project is estimated at £30,000, funded from S106 contributions from Children's play.</li></ul>		
<b>Reasons for the decision:</b>	<p>As stated in Part 4C section 6.1 of the Councils Constitution, individual members of the Executive 'may take a decision which is contrary or not wholly in accordance with the budget approved by the full Council if the decision is a matter of urgency'.</p> <p>Due to time pressures it was deemed not practical to convene a quorate meeting of Council to take these decisions.</p>		
<b>Scrutiny consideration:</b>	The Chair and Spokesperson of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.		

**Report:** A report detailing the background and financial considerations is attached.

**Conflicts of interest:** None

**Comments:** The Leader approved the addition of this Project Appraisal to the Capital Plan on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010

This urgent decision will be reported back to the next Community Services Scrutiny Committee