

**Queens Park play area renewal (Wards 6, 7 and 8) - City Policy ENV2/IPG Childs Play funding approved – Declaration of interest.**

4 Councillor Kelly, City Convener for Housing, Development, Built Heritage and Land Use, presented a report regarding the use of City Plan Policy ENV2/IPG Childs Play funding for the renewal of play facilities at Queens Park (Wards 6, 7 and 8), advising that

- (1) a play sufficiency assessment engagement with children locally had identified the play facilities at Queens Park near the Balvicar Street entrance as a popular location for play, however the view was that there should be a greater quantity of play equipment and that the existing play equipment should be repaired or replaced;
- (2) it was proposed that the Council contributed £70,401 of funding from the City Plan Policy ENV2/IPG Childs Play fund for the provision of additional toddler equipment and the provision of climbing structures with platforms of different heights connected by bridges which would help increase the footprint of the play area at Queens Park as well as improving the connectivity between the play area and the rest of the park; and
- (3) in accordance with City Plan Policy ENV2/IPG Childs Play fund, the capital cost of £70,401 towards construction works would be supplemented by revenue costs of £17,543 for on-going maintenance costs over a 10-year period.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the contribution from the Scottish Government play area renewal and parks and open spaces funds; and
- (b) approved the use of £87,944 of ENV2/IPG Childs Play fund in support of the renewal of play facilities at Queens Park, near the Balvicar Street entrance.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Bailie Soryia Siddique declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.