



Subject:	Playground Improvement Programme 2025 – 2026
Date:	6th May 2025
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the ongoing 2024-2025 Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) and outline plans for new playground refurbishments under the 2025-2026 programme.
1.2	Members are asked to note that refurbishments are to be funded under the Capital Programme and that an allocation of £580,000 has been agreed for this work in this financial year.
1.3	Members should also note that scores from the independent Play Value and Accessibility audit carried out in 2024 have again informed this year's site selection.
2.0	Recommendations

2.1	<p>The Committee are asked to agree refurbishment works at the sites below as part of the Playground Improvement Programme (PIP) 2025-2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Rise • Ohio Street • Roddens Crecent • Finvoy Street
3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Playground Improvement Programme</u></p> <p>Since its inception in 2012, the Playground Refurbishment Programme continues to make a positive impact to the overall quality and play value of the city's playgrounds, providing new equipment, safety surfacing, boundary fencing, site furniture and landscaping works. Under last year's programme the following playgrounds refurbishments are either complete, currently underway or planned to start soon (see Appendix 1 - Playground Refurbishments Under PIP 2024-25 Images).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grampian Avenue (complete) • Michelle Baird (underway) • Balfour Avenue (due to start May 2025)
3.2	<p>Members will be aware that, as agreed at P&C Committee in December 2023, the Play Value and Accessibility Audit informed site selection for 2024-2025 and will inform selection for all subsequent improvement programmes. Total scores allocated for each playground relate to the types of play opportunities available and their accessibility for a range of age groups and abilities (See Appendix 2 Play Value & Accessibility Results Table).</p>
3.3	<p>Members should note that Cathedral Gardens, which received the second lowest score, was not selected for refurbishment under PIP 2024-25 as this is a temporary facility on a site to be redeveloped under the Capital Programme. Bridge End playground, the third lowest scoring site, was also omitted from selection in 2024-25 as this facility is due to be improved using a developer contribution by way of a Section 76 Planning Agreement.</p>
3.4	<p>Based on estimated costs to deliver improvements within the available budget of £580k, the next lowest scoring playgrounds selected for refurbishment this financial year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Rise • Ohio Street • Roddens Crecent • Finvoy Street
3.6	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All proposed playground improvement works will be funded through the Capital Programme within an allocated budget of £580,000. CNS Landscape Planning & Development Officers will continue to re-design play facilities and project manage all works associated with the delivery of PIP 2024-25.</p>

3.7	As with previous years, CNS OSS Managers will continue to assist with the distribution of information relating to playground improvements to elected members, local communities, and user groups.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.8	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Playground Refurbishments Under PIP 2024-25 Images Appendix 2 – Play Value & Accessibility Results Table