

Decision Notice

Decision Taken Between Meetings

Decision No:	DPH03
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Subject:	KENT COUNTY COUNCIL-FUNDED PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS – COWDRAY SQUARE, DEAL AND CONNAUGHT PARK, DOVER
Notification Date:	20 December 2021
Implementation Date:	8 December 2021
Decision taken by:	Councillor Trevor Bartlett, Leader of the Council
Authority:	Paragraph 12 (General Responsibilities Delegated to all Members of the Executive) of Section 3C of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution
Decision Type:	Executive Key Decision
Call-In to Apply?	No (<i>The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in for the reasons set out at paragraph 1.2</i>)
Classification:	Unrestricted

Reason for the Decision:	To progress the improvement of Cowdray Square Community Park, Deal and to carry out improvement works to Connaught Park, Dover play area utilising external grant monies.
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Decision:	<p>It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Accepts the grant of £175,000 from Kent County Council's Covid-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund to finance the project.(b) Approves the delivery of the upgraded Cowdray Square Community Park play area, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The capital purchase of identified equipment;(ii) The revenue purchase of identified equipment to deliver the project;(iii) The ongoing associated revenue costs to resource and deliver the project.(c) Approves the delivery of refurbishments to Connaught Park play area.(d) Delegates all decisions, including the award of the contract and, if necessary, the decision to terminate, to the Head of Assets and Building Control, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property.(e) The decision-maker is of the opinion that this decision is an urgent one and should not therefore be subject to call-in.
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1. **Consideration and Alternatives** *(if applicable)*

1.1 See the attached report.

1.2 The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in in order for the project to proceed as quickly as possible. The funding has to be spent by 31 March 2022, leaving extremely tight timescales in which to carry out the tender exercise, award the contract and deliver the works.

2. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**

2.1 None.

3. **Supporting Information** *(as applicable)*

See the attached report.