

## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

<b>Name of decision maker:</b>	Colette C Wyatt-Lowe
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Community and Public Protection
<b>Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:</b>	23 September 2009

<b>Title of Decision:</b> Participation in the Playbuilder Play Areas development scheme
<b>Decision made and reasons:</b> That the Council formally signs up to the Playbuilder project to construct two new children's playgrounds in the Borough during 2009/10 and 2010/11 using funds allocated to by Hertfordshire County Council from the Big Lottery Fund.
<b>Reports considered: ( here reference can be made to specific documents)</b> CSSG application – July 2009
<b>Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:</b> Cllr Chapman, Cllr Wyatt Lowe, Highfield Councillors, local stakeholder groups
<b>Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:</b>  <b>Monitoring Officer -</b> I have no comments to add to the report.  <b>Section 151 Officer –</b> Dacorum has been provisionally awarded £104,620 capital funding and £4,187 revenue funding split equally over 2009/10 and 2010/11. This proposed use of the funding has been considered by the Council's Capital Strategy Steering Group in accordance with the Council's Capital Strategy.
<b>Implications:</b>  <b>Risk:</b> The project is aimed at providing enhanced play opportunities for young people in the Borough in partnership with HCC. It provides opportunities to enhance the built environment and is in accordance with the Council's Play Strategy.  <b>Value for Money</b> The project provides the opportunity for the Council to provide additional play opportunities in the Borough without impacting on its own financial resources. The project will be subject to a project management regime developed and led by HCC on a Countywide basis to ensure effective delivery and value for money is achieved. Extensive consultation with interest groups for each of the proposed sites will ensure that the views of the community will be fully considered in developing the detailed design proposals.
<b>Options Considered and reasons for rejection:</b> <b>Not participating in the scheme.</b> Rejected as non-participation would lose the opportunity to enhance play provision in the Borough in accordance with the Play Strategy at no cost to the Authority.

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**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 30/09/09

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

### **BACKGROUND**

HCC has secured grant from Central Government to fund play opportunities throughout the County over 2009/10 and 2010/11. It is proposed that the secured funding be spent through the development and implementation of new children's playgrounds by the Hertfordshire Districts and to this end HCC has approached all ten Districts inviting them to participate in the programme. Dacorum has provisionally been awarded £104,620 of capital funding and £4,187 of revenue funding split over the two above mentioned financial years to develop and implement two new children's playgrounds in the Borough. Subject to the Council formally signing up to the project, playgrounds at Randalls Park, Highfield and Miswell Lane Tring have been provisionally identified as suitable locations for the project. Although the project will be fully funded from grant provided by HCC, there is a need to gain approval from CSSG and then Cabinet/Council for the budget variations in relation to both Capital and Revenue budgets to account for the incoming grant and outgoing expenditure. The financial elements of the scheme have been considered by Capital Strategy Steering Group and a report recommending variation to the capital and revenue budget for 09/10 and for provision to be made in 2010/11 for the receipt of the grant and associated expenditure is proposed as a referral from CSSG at the September meeting.