



## **Community Grant to – Jubilee Park Playground Project (Executive Decision)**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £12,500 towards replacement play equipment at Jubilee Park.

### **Public Interest**

Awarding grants is a key way that SSDC supports and helps to deliver community projects sponsored by Parishes and voluntary community organisations in the towns and villages across the district.

The Town Council has applied to the Area East community grants programme for financial assistance with the costs of replacement play equipment at Jubilee Park Playground. The Locality Officer who is submitting this report to enable the Area East Committee to make an informed decision about the application has assessed the application.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that Councillors award a grant of £12,500 (35% total costs), the grant to be allocated from the Area East capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A)

### **Application Details**

Name of applicant:	Bruton Town Council
Project:	Jubilee Park Playground
Total project cost:	£35,500
Amount requested from SSDC:	£12,500
% amount requested	35%
Application assessed by:	Terena Isaacs

## Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category	Max Score available	Officer assessment score
<b>A</b> Supports Council Plan/Area Chapter	1	1
<b>B</b> Supports Equalities & Diversity	1	1
<b>C</b> Supports Environment Strategy	3	2
<b>D</b> Need for Project	10	7
<b>E</b> Capacity of Organisation	15	11
<b>F</b> Financial need	7	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>

## Background

To replace much needed play equipment at Jubilee Park play area. Play equipment is limited at the park, three items had become unsafe and not fit for purpose. These items had to be removed to ensure the safety of the community.

## Parish Information

Parish*	Bruton
Parish Population	2907
No. of dwellings	1239

\*Taken from the 2011 census profile

## The Project

The project is to install new play equipment at the Jubilee Park play area. The play equipment is required as the previous items had become unsafe so had to be removed as a matter of urgency. 5 suppliers were asked to provide 2 possible sets of equipment to replace the multi-unit, the roundabout and the seesaw.

## Local support / evidence of need

Jubilee play area has had reduced play equipment for some time limiting play for the children of the community. To ensure the right play equipment has been sourced a consultation was arranged with children from Bruton Primary School, Ladybirds Preschool and Community Kids. At the Community Fete residents were invited to vote for their favourite set of equipment. This data was then presented to Bruton Town Council who voted to proceed with the supplier favoured by the community. The

selected equipment extends the age group that can make use of it to younger residents.

The equipment is aimed at children from 2 upwards and promotes a range of development goals such as coordination, imaginative and social play, sensory and tactile, balancing and climbing. For toddlers this will contribute positively to their physical and mental development.

## Project Costs

<b>Project costs</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
UniMini Edsberg multi-play unit, installation, ecosurface	23,970.43
Swingo, installation, ecosurface	5,321.57
Rota-roka, installation, ecosurface and removal of roundabout (500)	5,921.43
Carriage, site security etc, Post installation inspection	3,197.26
Less specila project discount	(2,910.69)
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,500</b>

## Funding Plan

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>Secured or pending</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Town Council	Secured	10,000.00
Lottery Funding	Secured	£6,208.00
S106 Funding	Secured	£6792.00
SSDC Community grant	Pending	£12,500.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£35,500.00</b>

## Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that a grant of £12,500 is awarded

## Financial Implications

The balance in the Area East Capital programme is £64,124.20. If the recommended grant of £12,500 is awarded, £51,624.20 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a 35% basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.



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### **Council Plan Implications**

Council Plan themes and Areas of focus for 2021/22

- Enable quality cultural, leisure and sport activities

### **Area Chapter Implications for 2021/22**

Support a range of improvements to community facilities through S106 and Community grant

### **Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications**

No Implications

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

The project aims to provide for people across all age and interest groups in the local community.

### **Background Papers**

None

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## **Appendix A**

### **Standard conditions applying to all SSDC Community Grants**

#### **The applicant agrees to: -**

- Notify SSDC if there is a material change to the information provided in the application.
- Start the project within six months of the grant offer and notify SSDC of any changes to the project or start date as soon as possible.
- Confirm that all other funding sources have been secured before starting the project, if these were not already in place at the time of the application. Acknowledge SSDC assistance towards the project in any relevant publicity about the project (e.g. leaflets, posters, websites, and promotional materials) and on any permanent acknowledgement (e.g. plaques, signs etc.).
- Work in conjunction with SSDC officers to monitor and share the success of the project and the benefits to the community resulting from SSDC's contribution to the project.
- Provide a project update and/or supply before and after photos if requested
- Supply receipted invoices or receipts which provide evidence of the **full** cost of the project so that the grant can be released.
- Complete an evaluation survey when requested after the completion of the project.
- Note that they cannot apply for another community grant for the same project within a 3 year period of this award.

#### **Standard conditions applying to buildings, facilities and equipment**

- Establish and maintain a "sinking fund" to support future replacement of the building / facility / equipment as grant funding is only awarded on a one-off basis.
- Use the SSDC Building Control Service when buildings regulations are required.
- Incorporate disabled access and provide an access statement where relevant.

#### **Additional conditions applying to Play & Facilities.**

- All play equipment considered for purchase will have passed an EN1176 test.
- All play equipment installed will have Impact Absorbing Surfacing (safety surfacing) installed to EN1177 standard.
- All play equipment installed will have a Post Installation Inspection completed by a fully trained person.
- Ensure that the play area is inspected and maintained in accordance with EN1176 or a successive standard



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### **Special conditions**

*For example where an applicant has not provided all necessary information in the application and you are happy to wait for it eg access review; planning permissions. Or where some further encouragement could be given to do X or Y in future. Or to secure a definite outcome in the long term should the project fold, perhaps where land or buildings are concerned.*