

1.	LEYBOURNE LAKES COUNTRY PARK – PROVISION OF CHILDREN’S PLAY FACILITIES		
	1.	Specification:	
	(i)	Purpose of the scheme:	To improve and enhance facilities at Leybourne Lakes Country Park for young people, in response to identified customer needs.
	(ii)	Relevance to National / Council Strategic Objectives:	<p>a) <u>National</u> – Promoting healthier communities Creating safer and stronger communities Working towards the Green Flag Award scheme</p> <p>b) <u>Council</u> – Encourage developer contributions in support of community leisure facilities – 3e. Enable the whole community, including those most in need, to more fully enjoy leisure and cultural activities – 7a Operate the Council’s leisure facilities/services more effectively, efficiently and economically, within approved levels of resources, to meet identified needs – 7c. Give priority to involving and meeting the needs of young people – 7g (key priority). Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living – 10a (key priority) Reduce anti-social behaviour – 11a (key priority). The need for additional activities/facilities for young people at Leybourne Lakes Country Park has been identified within the Local Play Strategy and the draft Leisure & Arts Strategy.</p>
	(iii)	Targets for Judging Success:	<p>Children’s play areas have proved to be popular amongst young people and the scheme will be judged against</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved facilities for young people • Improved feedback from onsite market surveys • Successful Green Flag Award application

2	<p>Design Issues: The new children's play facility will be designed to fit in with the natural surroundings and will encourage natural play. The new facility will also have a small picnic area and will include pieces of interactive sculpture. The final design will take into consideration the outcome of consultation including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All play equipment will be wooden or wooden effect to fit in with the natural surroundings • There will be an adventure trail and other active play opportunities. • CCTV will be installed to cover the play area to discourage anti-social behaviour (a planning application will be required). • Tube slides and enclosed seating areas will be excluded to discourage anti-social behaviour 			
3	<p>Consultation: Consultation with users of the Country Park has previously taken place through a market survey which highlighted the need for children's play facilities. Further consultation has also been carried out with the Country Park's User Panel and during the Park's Wildlife Activity Days.</p> <p>Snodland Town Council and East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council have been made aware of the proposals through regular liaison meetings.</p>			
4	<p>Capital Costs: £100,000 – Full funding has been secured and received from developer contributions.</p>			
5.	<p>Profiling of Expenditure</p>			
	2008/09 (£'000)	2009/10 (£'000)	2010/11 (£'000)	2011/12 (£'000)
	£100,000	-		-
6	<p>Revenue Impact: Any additional revenue costs will be met by existing budgets.</p>			
7	<p>Partnership Funding: Developer Contributions (100% of funding)</p>			
8	<p>Post-Implementation Review: 12 months from completion</p>			
9	<p>Recommendation: Transfer to List A for implementation in 2008/09.</p>			