

CAPITAL PLAN LIST C – EVALUATIONS

Project		Larkfield Recreation Ground – Play Improvements					
1	Specification:						
	(i)	Purpose of the scheme	Improve play facilities for young people at Larkfield Recreation Ground.				
	(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives	(a) National:	Encouraging healthier lifestyles			
			(b) Council:	Involve, safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living Leisure & Arts Strategy – Work with Parish/Town Councils to improve the provision and quality of outdoor leisure facilities across the Borough			
	(iii)	Targets for judging success	(a)	Improved range of facilities			
			(b)	Regular future use			
			(c)	Positive customer feedback			
			(d)	Compliance with relevant safety standards			
2	Description of Project / Design Issues: The project proposes the provision of a new skate facility at Larkfield recreation ground to accommodate skate boarders, in-line skaters and BMX riders. In addition the scheme incorporates the extension/improvement of the existing children's play area to include a new multi-play unit, springer and junior and toddler swings.						
3	Consultation: An original scheme for the provision of skate park was considered for East Malling and at this time consultation was undertaken with local skaters and BMX riders that identified the need for such a facility in the Parish. Consultation has taken place with the Director of Health and Housing to assess the proposed location in Larkfield and the site has been deemed suitable. East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council are also proposing to hold an open public meeting to present and seek comments on the design of the proposed skate facility. The proposals are strongly supported by the Police, the Kent Youth Service and local Members.						
4	Capital Cost: £125,000. A contribution of £25,000 is being sought from the Borough Council, with the remaining funding met from the Parish Council and developer contributions.						
5	Profiling of Expenditure						
		2011/12 (£'000)	2012/13 (£'000)	2013/14 (£'000)	2014/15 (£'000)	2015/16 (£'000)	2016/17 (£'000)
		25					
6	Capital Renewals Impact: None. The new/improved facilities will be the responsibility of the Parish Council.						

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7	Revenue Impact: Loss of investment income on capital cost is estimated at £1,250 per annum (based on a 5% return).
8	Partnership Funding: Funding has been secured from local development contributions.
9	Post Implementation Review: Twelve months after completion.
10	Recommendation: The scheme be approved and accelerated immediately to the Capital Plan with funding of £25,000 from the 2011/12 Annual Capital Allowance.