



BCP Council Plan for Play Play and Wheeled Activity Strategy





Current position

**153****Play Spaces****18****Wheeled Spaces****171 Total Number Play Spaces**

- ▶ Many BCP owned Play Spaces are reaching end of life, in need of repair, refurbishment or full replacement.
- ▶ 153 Play areas including rebound walls, natural play, play trails, MUGA's and play sculptures
- ▶ 18 Wheeled play, skate parks (timber ramps, ramps and rails, concrete & concrete bowls) BMX tracks (gravel, dirt & concrete).
- ▶ 2867 Assets across the 171 sites
- ▶ 8906 defects reported during annual inspections
- ▶ Life expectancy of the sites ranging from <12mnths to 10yrs
- ▶ Equipment is being removed on a weekly and monthly basis with no capital funding for replacements and a spend freeze on the limited maintenance budget.

Strategy overview

3 Parts

- ▶ **BCP Council Play and Wheeled Activity Strategy**
- ▶ **Design Guide**
- ▶ **The Play Improvement Plan**

With supporting:

- ▶ Evidence base
- ▶ Appendices
- ▶ Mapping

Cross-service:

- ▶ Communications team developing a Comms Plan. Briefed on the detail and supporting document development.

Draft documents reviewed by:

- ▶ Commercial team – Leisure, Upton CP
- ▶ Highways – cycling and walking
- ▶ Communities
- ▶ Planning – Policy and DM

Priorities

- ▶ Priority 1. Create high quality and sustainable play provision
- ▶ Priority 2. Future strategic vision
- ▶ Priority 3. Embed the Design Guide
- ▶ Priority 4. Actively seek short- and long-term funding
- ▶ Priority 5. Enable communities

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70% of consultation responses say they use their local space once a week.

Annual revenue budget £151,000 pa

Half of families with disabled children say their local playground isn't accessible



Around 1 in 5 year 6 children in BCP are obese



Evidence Base

- Data from the 3 legacy areas - all assets into **one master database**
- **Annual Inspection Data**, total number of **defects** and **Life expectancy** data
- **Asset review**. The greenspace development and operations teams undertook a review of all 171 play spaces, summer 2023 looking at key areas, **design & usability**, **play value**, **safety**, **community links** and **inclusivity**.
- **Spatial data review**, provision per ward, indices of deprivation and locality to other play provision
- Walk times to play areas
- **Overall score given to each play space.**
- **Ranking and prioritisation for works based on the evidence base.**
- **Brought forward in to an Improvement Plan.**

Indicative Costs

Costings	Doorstep & Play on the Way	Local Play Space	Neighbourhood Play Space	Destination Play Space
New Site / Full replacement	£25,000	£100,000	£140,000	£180,000
Disposal of existing equipment and surfacing	£10,000	£20,000	£20,000	£30,000
New Safety Surfacing	£10,000	£30,000	£40,000	£50,000
Total	£45,000	£150,000	£200,000	£260,000

Refurbishment	£25,000	£80,000	£100,000	£140,000
Disposal of existing equipment and surfacing	£15,000	£15,000	£20,000	£30,000
New Safety Surfacing	£10,000	£20,000	£30,000	£40,000
Total	£50,000	£115,000	£150,000	£210,000



Recommendation's

2 New Play
Spaces

75 Defect
Repairs

44
Refurbishments

25 No Work
Required

20
Replacements

32 Repurpose

Improvement Plan

Summary of Investment required:

Work type	No. of sites	Estimated Costs
New play areas	2	£400,000
Defect repairs	75	£200,250
Replacement	20	£3,770,000
Refurbishment	44	£5,430,000
Consolidate sites and repurpose green space	32	£430,000
Capital works total	(excl resourcing)	£10,230,250

+ Staff resourcing for delivery

- Programme manager
 - Community Engagement
 - Landscape design
- Estimates for years 1- 3 are c. £200k pa

Funding

Strategic CIL:

- ▶ Planning Policy suggest that Phase 1 £3.4m is viable from current funds
- ▶ Phase 1 is included in the cabinet report recommendations, future requests to come back with an update and review of progress/delivery.
- ▶ Plan for Play would be considered ahead of the new CIL prioritisation and process to allocate funds across BCP services and assets.

Strategy document identifies CIL as the primary funding mechanism, alongside:

- ▶ Community partners. Existing work and precedent for working with stakeholders, eg Poole Communities Trust, Broadstone Neighbourhood forum.
- ▶ New partners coming forward, eg Queens Park Forum
- ▶ Councillors keen to use Ward Improvement Fund for defects

Timeline

- ▶ 20 Nov – Place O&S
- ▶ 25 Nov – Cabinet / Corporate Management Board
- ▶ 27 Nov – Cllr briefing on sites and Improvement Plan.
- ▶ 10 Dec – Cabinet / Full Council

If adopted:

- ▶ Jan – March 2025 – programme inception, recruitment, consultation planning
- ▶ April 25 – Public consultation; defect repairs commence asap; procurement of suppliers and framework for delivery.
- ▶ 105 play spaces targeted for improvement in Phase 1.