

MEETING OF RATHFARNHAM AREA COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY 2014

HEADED ITEM NO. 16

Proposed Play Space Programme

Further to the presentation to the Corporate Policy Committee in 2013 of the intention of the Council to undertake an ambitious Five Year Playground Programme commencing in 2014: the initial twelve sites proposed in the Rathfarnham Electoral Area are shown below.

PROPOSED FIVE YEAR PLAY SPACE PROGRAMME RATHFARNHAM ELECTORAL AREA

Location	Type	Proposed timescale
Whitechurch open space	Local	2014
Marian Road	Local	2014
Prospect Manor, Stocking Lane	Local	2015
Westbourne Lodge	Local	2015
Idrone, Knocklyon	Local	2015
Delaforde	Local	2016
Boden Park	Local	2016
Hunterswood	Local	2017
Woodstown	Local	2017
Longwood/Stonepark Abbey Rathfarnham	Local	2017
Dargle Wood	Local	2018
Elkwood	Local	2018
Cherryfield Park	Neighbourhood	2018

It is intended to complete this programme within a five year period.

In the Rathfarnham Electoral Area the locations proposed for 2014 are:

- Whitechurch Open Space at Whitechurch Place and Grove
- Marian Road Open Space

These locations are shown on the maps at the end of this document. The two locations were chosen on the basis of

- Need
- Distance from an existing facility
- Site suitability

There are 3 categories of Play Space proposed in the Five Year Programme:

- Local
- Neighbourhood
- Regional

The Play Space Programme in 2014 is aimed in particular at local open spaces that can cater for the 0 to 8 age group and that will allow for access by walking from local residential areas. There will be a focus on Natural Play as well as formal play items. Natural Play is facilitated by the provision of items such as boulders, logs, wildflower areas, tree planting and mounding that will stimulate children to create their own play.

It is intended to consult with local organisations concerning the programme including with the local residents groups, Comhairle na nÓg and schools. In order to progress the programme it will be necessary to do this consultation in the most efficient way possible and this presentation is the start of that process.



