**Playspace Programme 2014-2018**

**Introduction**

The Play Space Programme is scheduled for completion at the end of 2018. The programme has been very successful to date, particularly taking into account the difficulties encountered during the early phases. The programme has progressed with hard work and significant active involvement from elected members and local communities, and direct engagement with children; the Council can be proud to be in a position where it is now perceived to be at the vanguard of creating new play opportunities close to where children live. It can also be proud to have embraced a new type of play space delivery – using the concepts of Natural Play and where children can create their own play opportunities.

**Delivery to date**

The following 17 play space projects have been constructed to date at an average cost of approx **€70,000.**

Lucan

* Griffeen Avenue, Lucan
* Sarsfield Park, Lucan
* Hermitage Park, Lucan
* Riversdale Estate

Clondalkin

* Quarryvale Park, Clondalkin
* Rathcoole Park
* Knockmitten Park

Tallaght Central

* Aylesbury Park
* Avonbeg Park
* Sean Walsh Park

Tallaght South

* Brookview Estate
* Killinarden

Templeogue-Terenure

* Kilnamanagh (Tree Park and Park Hill)
* Kingswood
* Beechfield Park

Rathfarnham

* Ballycragh Park
* Glendoher Park

In addition, the new Natural Playground in Tymon Park has opened to great acclaim and in Griffeen Valley Park the existing playground was upgraded and extended to include natural play.

**Planned Programme to the end of 2018**

In order to complete the programme, the following play spaces were presented in June 2017 to the Elected Members where the playspace programme was examined and listed in order of priority to allow for the completion of the programme. Since then there was a reduction in the funding allocated to the programme. The total budget to complete the play space programme in 2018 is now €1,000,000. This will allow for approximately 13-15 new play spaces to be constructed in that period.

Those locations that remain on the list, which may not be completed in this particular Five Year Programme, can be considered in future years under the normal 3 year rolling capital programme.

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| **Priority 2018** (List not in order of priority) |
| **Lucan** |
| 1.    Cannonbrook- replacement for Finnstown  2.    Lucan Demense |
| **Clondalkin** |
| 1.    Boot Road  2.    North Clondalkin (2 No. playspaces) (Neilstown/ Collinstown Park)  3.    Bawnogue area  4.    Newcastle |
| **Tallaght Central** |
| 1.    Ballymount  2.    Old Bawn Park |
| **Tallaght South** |
| 1.    Jobstown Park / McGee Park  2.    Killinarden Park |
| **Templeogue / Terenure** |
| 1.    Perrystown  2.    Delaford  3.    Limekiln, Tymon  4.    Greenhills Park |
| **Rathfarnham** |
| 1.    Longwood Park / Stone Park Abbey/ Aranleigh  2.    Marian Road  3.    Whitechurch |

In addition to the Play Space programme there is now finance available from the Participatory Budget to proceed with the planning and design of a new playground in Waterstown Park.