



**REPORT TO:** BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 25 OCTOBER 2022

**SUBJECT:** BTAC PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

**REPORT AUTHOR:** PLAY AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OFFICER

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** COUNCILLOR TRACEY ABBOTT

**EXEMPT REPORT:** NO

**SUMMARY:**

This report provides members with an update on the identified further improvements for consideration in 2022/23 to continue investment in outdoor play areas.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That this Committee:

- i) Consider the potential improvements identified in the report
- ii) Indicate the amount that the Committee would wish to release at this time

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To provide an improved play offer to residents and visitors

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Not to approve the play area improvements

## REPORT:

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION:

1.1 Following the 2022 tour of BTAC open spaces and play facilities, members established a Working Group to develop plans for the improvement of play facilities in the BTAC Area.

### 2.0 IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

#### 2.1 Table 1 – For each play area

Site	Improvements	Estimated cost
Central Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove all play equipment on toddler side play area as far as the Spider net,</li><li>• Take up surfacing of that area, level area, lay turf to that area and install 4 picnic benches on grass area.</li><li>• Re-instate the giraffe, car and donkey onto small grass area</li><li>• Install new equipment of Water Lilies four way springer and a double horse springer or similar.</li><li>• Install on opposite side of play area a Junior Fairy Tale unit on grass area or similar</li><li>• Remove 5 benches running along pathway and concrete flags, make good ground and install 3 steel benches.</li><li>• Install new outdoor gym equipment</li></ul>	<p>£65,033 Kompan estimated cost See Appendix A</p> <p>£19,547 (£4000 from BBL leaving £14,547 BTAC Completed 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 22 See Appendix C</p>

St Johns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a 3 piece section ship comprising of Stern, Crow's nest and Bow or similar.</li> <li>• NB Boston Big Local have granted £25,000 towards this project</li> </ul>	<p>£33,655</p> <p>Less £25,000 granted from BBL leaving £8655 cost to BTAC</p> <p>Proludic estimated cost</p> <p>See Appendix D</p>
Garfit's Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install two concrete table tennis tables onto new tarmac area</li> </ul>	<p>£14,000</p> <p>This installation will be funded through Section 106</p> <p>Caloo estimated cost</p> <p>See Appendix E</p>
Woodville Rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of Pirate Ship or similar</li> </ul>	<p>£46,853</p> <p>Kompan estimated cost</p> <p>See Appendix F</p>

- 2.2 Future budgets will include costs associated to the maintenance and inspection of any new play equipment.
- 2.3 Total potential costs of £159,541. The funding from Boston Big Local and Section 106 is confirmed at £39,000 so potential cost to BTAC will reduce to £120,541. Outdoor Gym is not included as this budget was agreed previously.
- 2.4 Any improvements agreed by BTAC will be subject to contract procurement rules and any expenditure over £10,000 will be subject to Cabinet approval. Once approval is granted, tender process will be followed and works will be issued to a relevant service provider so they can be delivered as soon as practicable.

### 3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Members were pleased with the progress of improvements already carried out on BTAC open spaces and felt these had made a significant contribution to improving the quality of those spaces provided in the town and that the plans discussed for further development will encourage greater more positive use of public open spaces.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications are outlined in 2.1 and 3.0 of this report.

**LEGAL & EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Council is required to conform to the requirements of the EU Procurement Directive and its own Contract Procurement and Procedure Rules Part 4 (H) of the Constitution.

The Council is required to comply with the public sector equality duty. A full equality impact analysis will be undertaken at the appropriate time to ensure that any new equipment intended for procurement will consider the needs of all individuals.

**ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**NONE**

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation on this proposal has taken place with the Chairman of BTAC and the Town Centre (and BTAC liaison) Portfolio Holder and the Public.

**APPENDICES**

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

Appendix A	Kompan quotation for Central Park
Appendix B	Kompan Ugly Duckling Playground
Appendix C	Gym Equipment
Appendix D	Pro Ludic Play Ship
Appendix E	Diablo Table Tennis Quotation
Appendix F	Kompan quotation for Pirate Ship
Appendix G	Pirate Ship

**CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT**

None

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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