

**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u> To submit an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) Playground Fund.	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u> DO/18/2026 (KMB)	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/ Constitution/Minute No. etc. 3D OFFICER DELEGATIONS - Part A - General Delegations 3D.4 Other c) To submit bids for and enter into agreements for grants and other funding sources.
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u> 9 th July 2026	<u>DECISION MAKER (Name and Job Title)</u>  Katie Memetovic-Bye Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> a) The issue The Council have been identified as 1 of 66 local authorities in England who can benefit from MHCLG funding to create, improve or enhance playgrounds in areas of greatest need specifically within Bedworth. b) The Decision To submit an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Playground Fund.	
<u>REASON FOR THE DECISION</u> The fund is intended to improve children's access to high-quality playgrounds, especially in places with higher child income deprivation and weaker existing provision.	
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u> Do nothing, not taking advantage of funding to enhance or improve Nuneaton and Bedworth Play Grounds.	

<u>WARD RELEVANCE</u> Bedworth Wards
<u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u> The Fund will provide £270,000 per local authority across financial years 2026 to 2027 and 2027 to 2028. Up to £90k per play area development.
<u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u> Portfolio holder for Leisure and Health (Cllr Greenwood) Strategic Directors – NBBC
<u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u> None identified
<u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given). None identified
<u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u> The projects proposed will create, improve or enhance 3 playgrounds that are inclusive, free to access for children, families and caregivers, and the wider community. Targeting playground improvements in areas of greatest need will help reduce inequalities in access to safe, welcoming play spaces, particularly for children and families who may have fewer opportunities for active outdoor play.
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u> Delivery of these additional projects within the short specified timeline by MHCLG, will have an impact of capacity within the team, a review of existing planned projects for this period will need to take place and be moved according.
<u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u> As detailed above there will be no wider financial impact to the Council Budget.
<u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u> Investment in high-quality, accessible and inclusive play areas has positive health and wellbeing implications for children, families and the wider community. Free local play provision supports children to be more physically active, develop confidence, social skills and resilience, spend time outdoors and build friendships. The projects should therefore contribute positively to physical health, mental wellbeing, social connection and wider health equality outcomes.
<u>SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS</u> Investment in well-designed, safe and welcoming play areas can have positive Section 17 crime and disorder implications by encouraging legitimate use of public spaces, increasing natural surveillance and supporting community pride. Improved facilities may help reduce opportunities for vandalism and antisocial behaviour by creating more active, well-used spaces for children, families and caregivers.

<u>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</u> Delivery of the projects will be added to the Council Risk Register for monitoring.
<u>SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS</u> No specific SME and local economy implications
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS</u> Design and delivery should consider opportunities to protect or enhance green space, biodiversity, tree cover and natural play features. Any short-term environmental impacts from installation works, including vehicle movements, noise and waste, will be managed through contractor requirements and normal project management controls.
<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u> Support may be required from Legal officers when accepting the fund from MHCLG and engaging with the procurement of contractors for delivery of projects.
<u>ANY OTHER COMMENTS</u> N/A

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