

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Introduced by the Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Wellbeing)	Executive Cabinet	22 February 2007

CHILDREN'S PLAY INITIATIVES PORTFOLIO BID – BIG LOTTERY.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To seek Members approval of the Council's portfolio bid for BIG Lottery Play Initiatives funding, in order to submit by the March 2007 deadline, as agreed by Executive Cabinet on 30 March 2006.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- An award of BIG Lottery Play funding would help to reduce pockets of inequality, encourage people to get more involved in their communities, and improve access to public services. More inclusive and accessible play opportunities would help to develop the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live.

RISK ISSUES

- The issue raised and recommendations made in this report involve risk considerations in the following categories:

Strategy	✓	Information	
Reputation	✓	Regulatory/Legal	
Financial	✓	Operational	
People		Other	

- An assessment of the key risks has been carried out.
- Project bids relate directly to actions listed within the Borough's Play Strategy, approved by Executive Cabinet in November 2006.
- The Big Lottery Play Initiatives Funding stream will close after the final round in September 2007. If the Council's portfolio bid fails in the March 2007 round, we will have the opportunity to resubmit in the September round.
- Within Chorley Play Partnership, the Council has undergone a rigorous and transparent process of assessing projects to include in a portfolio bid. It would not be possible to repeat this process and meet the March 2007 deadline.

BACKGROUND

8. In December 2005, the BIG Lottery Fund announced their Play Initiatives funding allocation per local authority, based on a range of local statistics. Chorley's maximum allocation is £208,007.52. There is no requirement for us to provide match funding.
9. District/Borough Councils must apply for the funds, and also manage any grants awarded. The bid must take the form of a portfolio of at least two projects, and must be linked to a Strategy for Play. The Strategy must also be linked to a play partnership organisation.
10. More than 90% of the children and young people responding to the Play Strategy consultation in Summer 2006 said that bullying and intimidation are the major barriers to play in Chorley. We need to make sure that the portfolio bid reflects and aims to address this.
11. Chorley Play Partnership proposed the name "Able To Play" for the portfolio bid.
12. District Councils may submit all the projects, or invite bids from other organisations as well, if they are agreed to be the most appropriate to run a particular initiative. Chorley, through the Play Partnership, invited project bids from a range of organisations.
13. Chorley Borough Council has opted to apply in the third of four funding rounds, with the deadline for the portfolio bid being 12 March 2007. If successful, up to three annual instalments of funding would be awarded, starting in September 2007. If the March 2007 submission were successful, work would need to start on projects by December 2007.

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

14. Two panels made recommendations on all eight project bids received by the 5 December 2006 deadline – Chorley Play Partnership itself on 11 December, and a panel of 7 young people on 13 December. The young people's panel were not party to the recommendations made by Play Partnership.

On 20 December a Final Assessment Panel made up of:

The Executive Members for Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment,

The Executive Member for Health, Leisure and Wellbeing

A nominated representative from Chorley Play Partnership

A nominated representative from Chorley Partnership.

met to assess all eight of the project bids received. None of the final panel was given any information about the project bids received, or the recommendations made by Play Partnership or the young people's panel, prior to 20 December.

15. All the panels used the criteria on the application forms to assess the project bids, with the final panel also taking into account the views and recommendations of Play Partnership and the young people's panel.
16. Three project bids, from external organisations, were not short-listed as the panels did not feel that they met the criteria as well as the remaining five. All of these organisations were contacted by letter explaining this, and suggesting a range of other potential funding routes, and offers of support in putting further bids together.

17. Five project bids were short-listed for possible inclusion in the portfolio, but as these came to a total that exceeded the potential funding allocated, advice was taken from the BIG Lottery Fund, who confirmed that the total amount of funding requested in the portfolio could not exceed the allocated amount.
18. The Final Assessment Panel concluded that the first and second priority project bids, both directly linked to the Play Strategy, must be included. The potential funding remaining was not high enough for two of the three remaining projects, so, accordingly, the third of these was included.
19. These three projects amounted to a total of £190,735.00, leaving a balance of £17,272.52 – part of which could be included for contingencies.
20. Should any of the project bids within the initial portfolio bid be turned down, we will have the opportunity to resubmit the portfolio using one of the remaining two projects.

PROJECT BIDS

21. Included in the initial portfolio:

- a) Get Up and Play – Play Rangers pilot scheme £96,610.00

This is a three-year pilot project to employ four part-time Play Rangers to work across the Borough, identifying problem areas, developing links with local communities and encouraging involvement in play. The Play Rangers would work in both rural and urban areas, targeting formal and informal play space. The Rangers would be employed within the Leisure and Cultural Services Directorate, but liaise closely with the Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment Directorate, Parish Councils, Chorley Play Partnership, schools and other relevant organisations. This project relates directly to an action within the Borough's Play Strategy.

Please see Appendix One.

- b) Able to Play Worker £40,125.00

The need for a designated worker to facilitate actions to address young people's concerns about play was identified by Chorley Play Partnership, who consider that the Council would be the best organisation to manage the post. The Able to Play Worker would be employed on a part-time, fixed-term contract for three years, within the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

The purpose of the post would be to co-ordinate positive activities between children and young people and organisations involved in play, and to promote a culture that actively values the importance of play and children's right to play.

This post would be able to help make a real difference to actions within the Borough's Play Strategy.

Please see Appendix two.

- c) Coronation Recreation Ground – Lighting Scheme £54,000

Coronation Recreation Ground is extremely popular with local families, both because of the standard of the facilities for play, and for its easy accessibility from the town centre.

This is particularly true for families from two of the Borough's more deprived areas, the South West and East sides of Chorley.

The Recreation Ground has also become well known as the venue for the Borough's annual Playday event, and has become synonymous with the concept of "play".

Whilst the Recreation Ground is extremely well used, once darkness falls, it becomes something of a "no-go" area, attracting some anti-social behaviour, including drug-usage.

Installing lighting would help to control these problems, would increase the hours that the Recreation Ground is accessible to families, and will make a clear statement that the Borough's most central green space is open for safe play.

The Lancashire Constabulary has offered to contribute a further £6,000 towards the overall costs of this project.

There would be planning conditions attached to this project.

Please see Appendix three.

These three projects amount to a total of £190,735.00.

22. **Projects not included in initial portfolio, but held in reserve should any part of portfolio bid be turned down by the big lottery.**

a) Coronation Recreation Ground – Ball Park £85,000

This project would replace the under-used double tennis court on Coronation Recreation Ground, currently in a poor state of repair, with a robust steel multi-function ball court alongside an area catering for an additional range of ball games. The project bid includes complementary fencing, surfacing works, line markings and additional features to allow games such as table tennis, paddle tennis, badminton and head tennis.

The development would complement existing play provision on a popular recreation area, and would enable more inclusive play.

There would be planning conditions attached to this project.

Please see Appendix four.

b) Clayton Brook Play Park £120,000

This project would replace an existing sunken five-a-side court with more appropriate facilities, including boulders, net mountains and cable riders, alongside accessible and challenging units for all age ranges and abilities. Lighting would be included, which would improve safe access. The play park would improve community safety and reduce fear of crime, as well as providing quality opportunities for play and social interaction for young people living in, and around, an area of recognised deprivation.

There would be planning conditions attached to this project.

Please see Appendix five.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

23. The Play Ranger scheme should help to ensure play areas on housing developments are better used and less of a nuisance to nearby residents. Similar benefits should arise from the Able to Play Worker. The Coronation Recreation Ground Lighting Scheme would require planning permission and would need to be carefully designed to avoid light spilling on to neighbouring residential properties and causing an adverse amenity impact. The Ball Park here and the Play Park at Clayton Brook would provide useful additional facilities at these well established recreational areas.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

24. The Councils Recruitment and Selection Policy and Procedures would be used for the appointment of four Play Ranger and Able to Play Worker posts. They would be employed on Chorley Councils terms and conditions of appointment on a part time fixed term contract for the duration of the project.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

25. The three Project Bids are intended to be cost neutral to Chorley Council, with the running costs for the Coronation Recreation Ground Lighting Scheme being funded from existing SNED resources.

Management fees and contingency totalling 4.5% of the bid total have been included. This figure is likely to change should any of the three original bids be turned down, and replaced with one of the reserve bids. Any additional costs would therefore need to be funded from the Directorates existing budgets.

The day to day costs of the bids would be monitored as part of the quarterly revenue monitoring exercise.

Human Resources advised "Fixed Term Contracts" will avoid Chorley Council incurring redundancy payments.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

26. That the projects included in this Report are put forward as the Chorley "Able To Play" portfolio bid to the BIG Lottery Play Initiatives Fund, in time for the third round deadline in March 2007.
27. That, should any of the projects within the initial portfolio bid be rejected, the responsibility of reconsidering all the remaining projects, and agreeing on a second portfolio submission, should be delegated to the Final Assessment Panel referred to in paragraph 14 of this report.
28. That delegated responsibility should be given to the Director of Finance to sign off any funding offer that is made.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) (If the recommendations are accepted)

29. Failure to submit a portfolio bid in March 2007 would leave Council only six months before the funding stream is closed.
30. Delegating responsibility as detailed in 11b/ and 11c/ will enable a speedier acceptance or resubmission.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

31. Delaying the portfolio bid until the final six months of the funding stream.
32. Putting the entire portfolio through the Council's meetings schedule for a second time, whilst ideal, would further delay the portfolio bid.

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APPENDIX ONE

England Children's Play Appendix A – Individual project details



Please copy this appendix and fill in one copy for each project in your portfolio.

A1 Name of your portfolio

Able to Play

A2 Individual project name

Get Up and Play

A3 Priority number

A4 Delivery organisation

Name of organisation that will deliver this project

Chorley Borough Council

What is this organisation's registered address?

Chorley Borough Council
Union St Offices
Union St
Chorley

Postcode

PR7 1AL

What sector does this organisation fit into?

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary and community sector
- Other (please describe)

A5 Project location

In the table below, tell us where this project will be delivered and what its postcode is.

In some cases an individual project will be delivered in more than one place. If so, tell us the locations and postcodes for each delivery location. If the project is delivered through outreach work or covers a wide area, then tell us the postcode of where the project is based. Estimate the percentage of our funding for the individual project that will be used to deliver the project in each location.

Location of activity	Location postcode	Percentage per location*
Example: The adventure playground, Enfield	N15 4RY	100%
Various venues throughout the borough of Chorley	PR7 & PR6	100%

*If the individual project is only going to be delivered in one place write 100%

A6 Project description

Briefly describe the project, telling us what the project will achieve and what our grant will pay for.

The grant will train and develop a team of four play rangers, each flexibly working 9 hours a week covering many venues across the borough of Chorley. It will address such issues as safety, bullying, intimidation, inclusion, better use of parks and open spaces, education, improving information about play and will involve young people and children in decision making.

The play rangers will support and encourage play and free-time activities for children and young people of all ages ensuring that children can play safely outdoors, which many are unable to do usually due to increasing traffic and fears about strangers. It will work towards helping stimulate healthy and sustainable activity within the community. It will create the opportunity to signpost children and young people to further develop their interests and skills.

The Rangers will not only use well-established, designated areas of play, but also informal open spaces educating the community about making the most out of their local neighbourhood and highlighting the opportunity for maintaining activity, making best use of the locality in which they live.

The play rangers will : 1. work in schools, parks and informal open spaces in evenings, weekends and school holidays to introduce games and different kinds of play; 2. listen to children about when and where they want to play outside; 3. promote the views of local people in appropriate forums; 4. arrange games activities and events; 5. help other people in the area understand that children have as much right to use parks and open spaces as anyone else; 6. help make sure parks and open spaces are looked after, properly cleaned and are safe places for children and young people to hang out in and play; 7. help make parks, open spaces and school playgrounds places where children with special needs and disabilities are included and able to participate; 8. be people children can talk to and trust.

A7 Project beneficiaries

Tell us about the people and organisations that will mostly benefit from the project and, in particular, how many people will benefit directly from the project.

All year round play provision is crucial to the overall community. The intention of the project is for the whole community to better understand the play needs of children and young people and long term, for parents and other community members to take responsibility and to increase the use of parks and open spaces.

Children and young people will benefit from the scheme as it gives the opportunity for them to play in a controlled, safe environment, although still giving them the ability to freely choose what they would like to do. Play Rangers can increase awareness of play spaces in the borough of Chorley. Children and young people will be able to meet new friends, improve their social skills, enjoy a more healthy and active lifestyle. The rangers will be able to signpost young people towards developing their skills, improve their self confidence, decision making. They will be positive role models to young people and good playwork are a key focus to the development of a community where children and young people have an equal role.

There is potential to engage an average of 20 to 25 children using the service each session in a wide range of areas that have been identified within the play strategy. Alongside the broader community the Play Rangers scheme will benefit existing community groups that have identified the need for activity in their area. It will work closely with the local police, PCSO, local schools and other relevant agencies to identify areas that would benefit from activity.

Number of beneficiaries:

Average 20 - 25 each session

A8 Fit with strategy

Tell us why this project is the best way to help meet the needs identified. How does it contribute to the portfolio outcomes? How does it fit with your Children's Play strategy?

This project addresses all the local issues that have been raised in Chorley regarding young people being 'able to play'. The greatest concern identified within the local play strategy by both young people and parents was being safe. The project will help to address this issue through a having a presence throughout Chorley on open spaces, parks and play areas. As identified within the play strategy bullying and intimidation are major concerns. Play Rangers can encourage interaction between groups of youngsters and work with them to create safer play environments. This allows parents to feel happier allowing their children to go out to play. The scheme will involve the young peoples views and ideas, and will encourage them to be involved in their decision making to times, activities, places they would like to play. The play rangers have the potential to actively inform and educate the whole community about play. They will encourage inclusion at all levels of play. The Rangers will promote the effective use of areas, helping to actively discourage vandalism, anti social behaviour and juvenile nuisance.

A9 Project costs

Fill in the following table to show us how much the project will cost, what funding you plan to secure from other sources and the total contribution required from us.

Make sure you read the programme guidance notes, as they will help you to understand:

- the amount we will contribute to individual project costs
- what project costs you can ask us to fund
- what overheads you can ask us to fund
- whether you can ask us to fund any VAT costs
- what legal costs associated with a grant award you should budget for.

	Year 1 £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Total project costs £ (A)	Other income £ (B)	Amount requested (A-B)
Revenue	32,203	32,203	32,203	96,610		96,610
Capital						
Total project costs	32,203	32,203	32,203	96,610		96,610

How have you calculated the project costs? Tell us on what basis they have been calculated and any assumptions you have made. We may ask you to provide a more detailed breakdown of projects costs during the assessment.

Salary costs have been calculated on the current rate of pay for similar posts. They will be a fixed rate of pay for the three years.

A10 Delivery

Why is the organisation that will deliver this project the most appropriate one? Tell us about their skills and experience in this area of work and their ability to deliver the project. You must confirm that the organisation has satisfactory child protection / vulnerable adult policies and procedures in place where the project will involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Chorley Borough Council is the appropriate organization to run this project for many reasons

- Chorley Borough Council is an active member of Chorley Play Partnership.
- We are the leading provider of Young Peoples Activities within Chorley with vast amounts of experience in the provision of play activities for young people aged between 4 and 16. This can be identified through a number of projects which includes; a very successful holiday time scheme, which has been running throughout Chorley for the past four years engaging thousands of young people each year.
- In addition we work with the Chorley School Sports Partnership and Lancashire Sports Partnership to deliver programmes of activity to children of all ages, encompassing partnership working with many governing bodies of sport.

- We work alongside many community organizations addressing issues of young peoples activity and play provision and have great understanding of the local issues and needs.
- As a service we are heavily involved in raising standards of children's and young peoples activity provision in the borough and have a good working relationship with many organizations within the children's play field.
- We have a child protection policy and procedures in place.
- We have the capacity to monitor the scheme drawing in other partner agencies and able to assess how the Play Ranger scheme has impacted on Chorley.
- We will be capable of working towards long term sustainability of the scheme through many sources involving community, schools, agencies working with young people, local police, just to name a few.
- We have the ability to reinforce the play ranger scheme in other areas of our work to support and assist with the delivery of the programme.
- We have the ability to directly facilitate training and education courses for staff or any possible volunteers and also identify external training which will benefit the scheme.

Play Initiatives Funding

Play Ranger - Cost Breakdown

SCP 14, £15,231 per annum or £8.08 per hour

	Costs for One Year			Total
	Salary	Nat Ins.	Superannuation	Total
£8.08 per hour for 9 hours per week over 52 weeks	3,781	197	597	4,576
Hire of van at £50 per week for 52 weeks			2,600	2 vans
Running costs of van			1,000	2 vans
Diesel, driver insurance, general wear and tear			500	500
Education and Training			100	4 staff
Communication			75	4 staff
Uniform				300
General equipment			2,500	2,500
Management Costs			2,000	2,000
Promotion/Advertising			1,000	1,000
				32,203
				Multiply by 3 years
				96,610

APPENDIX TWO

England Children's Play Appendix A – Individual project details



Please copy this appendix and fill in one copy for each project in your portfolio.

A1 Name of your portfolio

Able To Play

A2 Individual project name

Able To Play Worker

A3 Priority number

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A4 Delivery organisation

Name of organisation that will deliver this project

Chorley Borough Council

What is this organisation's registered address?

Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Civic Offices, Union Street, Chorley, Lancs

Postcode

PR71AL

What sector does this organisation fit into?

Public sector

Private sector

Voluntary and community sector

Other (please describe)

A5 Project location

In the table below, tell us where this project will be delivered and what its postcode is.

In some cases an individual project will be delivered in more than one place. If so, tell us the locations and postcodes for each delivery location. If the project is delivered through outreach work or covers a wide area, then tell us the postcode of where the project is based. Estimate the percentage of our funding for the individual project that will be used to deliver the project in each location.

Location of activity	Location postcode	Percentage per location*
Example: The adventure playground - Enfield	N15 4RY	100%
CHORLEY BOROUGH	PR6/PR7	100%

*If the individual project is only going to be delivered in one place write 100%

A6 Project description

Briefly describe the project, telling us what the project will achieve and what our grant will pay for.

Employment of a worker on a three-year fixed term contract to strengthen partnerships and encourage more strategic working, linking our play strategy with the work of proposed Play rangers, and Chorley Play Partnership, to other relevant initiatives in the Borough.

Young people that we have worked with in the course of developing our portfolio have told us that they believe there is a need for someone to get organisations talking about the importance of play, and about addressing bullying and intimidation (the main concerns raised by local children and young people).

We want to increase access to quality play opportunities by promoting and developing inclusivity, in partnership with as wide a range of people as possible.

A7 Project beneficiaries

Tell us about the people and organisations that will mostly benefit from the project and, in particular, how many people will benefit directly from the project.

We believe that this post will be crucial to the long term development of a culture recognising the importance of inclusive play in to the healthy development of local children, their families and communities, and that it could potentially have a positive impact on the lives of all children living in the Borough.

We want to be able to strengthn links between disabled and more able-bodied children and young people, their schools, neighbourhoods and families. We want to work more closely with cultural groups that we know are less likely to access play opportunities, for example, the Borough's Muslim families.

Chorley is a very mixed Borough, including some disadvantaged urban areas as well as more than 20 rural parishes.

We really need someone who can reach out into all these areas, to address barriers to play, particularly fears around bullying and intimidation

Number of beneficiaries:	19,000+
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A8 Fit with strategy

Tell us why this project is the best way to help meet the needs identified. How does it contribute to the portfolio outcomes? How does it fit with your Children's Play strategy?

We need to link and consult with Parish Councils about inclusion and community safety issues relating to rural play spaces;

Also, to work with families and groups in urban community safety target Areas, strengthening links and encouraging inclusive play in neighbourhoods where play spaces have become perceived as "no go" areas.

We hope to employ Play Rangers to work face to face with children, young people, their families, neighbours and local organisations, to wncourage involvement in play. We think that an Able To Play Worker will be able to underpin this work by raising the profile of play around the whole Borough. If positive, inclusive play can be put firmly on the agenda, we can add enormous value to the work of the Play Rangers.

We that an Able To Play Worker would provide an opportunity to take a truly strategic approach to tackling the barriers to play that have been identified by chilr and young people living in the Borough.

A9 Project costs

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Make sure you read the programme guidance notes, as they will help you to understand:

- the amount we will contribute to individual project costs
- what project costs you can ask us to fund
- what overheads you can ask us to fund
- whether you can ask us to fund any VAT costs
- what legal costs associated with a grant award you should budget for.

	Year 1 £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Total project costs £ (A)	Other income £ (B)	Amount requested (A-B)
Revenue	13080.00	12990.00	13155.00	35225.00		39225.00
Capital	900.00			900.00		900.00
Total project costs	13980.00	12990.00	13155.00	37225.00		40125.00

How have you calculated the project costs? Tell us on what basis they have been calculated and any assumptions you have made. We may ask you to provide a more detailed breakdown of projects costs during the assessment.

We have calculated employee costs for a 16 hour week post at Scale 5 point 25 for a three year fixed term period, and included an annual mileage allowance. We have included the costs of a laptop computer that would be entirely dedicated to the Able To Play Workers's post, plus an annual budget of £500 to cover printing and postage relating to projects / initiatives covered in A8.

A10 Delivery

Why is the organisation that will deliver this project the most appropriate one? Tell us about their skills and experience in this area of work and their ability to deliver the project. You must confirm that the organisation has satisfactory child protection / vulnerable adult policies and procedures in place where the project will involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Chorley Play Partnership considered the possibility of applying for a self-employed post, to be managed by the Partnership, but came to the conclusion that this might jeopardise the sustainability of the project, as a self-employed worker might be more difficult to recruit and retain.

As line management structures, as well as general systems, policies and procedures, would be clearer within the Council, they proposed that the Council should apply for the post, within the portfolio.

APPENDIX THREE

England Children's Play Appendix A – Individual project details



Please copy this appendix and fill in one copy for each project in your portfolio.

A1 Name of your portfolio

ABLE TO PLAY

A2 Individual project name

CORONATION RECREATION GROUND - LIGHTING SCHEME

A3 Priority number

A4 Delivery organisation

Name of organisation that will deliver this project

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

What is this organisation's registered address?

TOWN HALL
MARKET ST
CHORLEY
LANCASHIRE

Postcode

PR7 1DP

What sector does this organisation fit into?

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary and community sector
- Other (please describe)

A5 Project location

In the table below, tell us where this project will be delivered and what its postcode is.

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Location of activity	Location postcode	Percentage per location*
Example: The adventure playground, Enfield	N15 4RY	100%
CORONATION RECREATION GROUND	PR7 2DJ	100%

*If the individual project is only going to be delivered in one place write 100%

A6 Project description

Briefly describe the project, telling us what the project will achieve and what our grant will pay for.

This proposal is for the lighting of the recreation ground which is nearest to the town centre. Currently the site is in total darkness and creates perceptions amongst local residents and children that it is unsafe and a "no-go" area. Despite this it remains popular with local people of all ages who use the facility for dog walking and town centre access after dark.

Currently this is the most favoured play area amongst young families living centrally in Chorley, and offers the most play value of the councils current play stock. By lighting this area it would be possible to extend its usage into the evening and offer safe play space for both children and young people. Surrounded by row upon row of dense housing it offers the only formal (and informal) play space within a realistic walking distance. There are no alternate locations after dusk.

Alongside the extension of opportunities for play, lighting this recreation ground will reduce the current problems being experienced with drug dealing, alcohol abuse and general anti-social behaviour - all of which are accredited to the darkness of the site.

What is proposed is the lighting of access routes within the site that serve both the open space and play area, and the play facility itself. In partnership with the Lancashire Constabulary lighting will be designed in a way that is sensitive to local residents needs whilst reducing opportunities for unacceptable behaviour within the site.

A7 Project beneficiaries

Tell us about the people and organisations that will mostly benefit from the project and, in particular, how many people will benefit directly from the project.

Within the ward of Chorley North-West there are no other genuine open spaces which offer safe places to play for any age group - let alone children. As a result it is suggested that all those residing within this ward will benefit (6,106 of which 16% are under 16). As it houses the authorities premier play facility it is common for young families to use the amenity from further afield. Lighting this site will only increase this number as many of these families are from similar areas which offer little if any play provision. This creates the possibility of a new wave of children and families being attracted to use the facility.

Number of beneficiaries:

6,106+

A8 Fit with strategy

Tell us why this project is the best way to help meet the needs identified. How does it contribute to the portfolio outcomes? How does it fit with your Children's Play strategy?

In keeping with the findings of the local play strategy this proposal will offer children and young people increased access to a safe and secure environment. This play opportunity is in a recognised area, comprises of lots of individual features and by being lit reduces the potential, and fear, of bullying and intimidation. Children on Coronation Recreation Ground are free to play as they choose for longer periods under lighting. There is nowhere else for them to play - this proposal will take them away from playing on car parks, in the street or from congregating on street corners. It will offer an evening meeting place that will engage the community at several levels and lead to enhanced social interaction.

Overall the proposal will remove a major black spot from Chorley North-West and improve both crime and safety statistics locally and borough-wide. By achieving these objectives, this scheme has the potential to ease parents perceptions of safety and allow their children "out to play" to more frequently and amongst larger numbers - in a way that they may well have played themselves.

Coronation Recreation Ground is the only safe place for a large number of children, young people and families to play. By lighting this site possible to transform the play patterns of all these people and bring together the wider community.

A9 Project costs

Fill in the following table to show us how much the project will cost, what funding you plan to secure from other sources and the total contribution required from us.

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- the amount we will contribute to individual project costs
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- what overheads you can ask us to fund
- whether you can ask us to fund any VAT costs
- what legal costs associated with a grant award you should budget for.

	Year 1 £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Total project costs £ (A)	Other income £ (B)	Amount requested (A-B)
Revenue		2,000	2,000			
Capital	56,000				6,000	60,000
Total project costs	56,000	2,000	2,000	60,000	6,000	54,000

How have you calculated the project costs? Tell us on what basis they have been calculated and any assumptions you have made. We may ask you to provide a more detailed breakdown of projects costs during the assessment.

The proposed project costs shown above are based on full installation of the lighting scheme in year one. This includes 19 x 4.5 metre columns manufactured to be sensitive to the surroundings of this area. For years two and three two thousand pounds are included for upkeep and general repairs. By means of a third party contribution Lancashire Constabulary have offered £6,000 from community safety budgets. They are confident that this scheme will reduce levels of anti-social behaviour and misuse alongside the enhanced play benefits.

A10 Delivery

Why is the organisation that will deliver this project the most appropriate one? Tell us about their skills and experience in this area of work and their ability to deliver the project. You must confirm that the organisation has satisfactory child protection / vulnerable adult policies and procedures in place where the project will involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Chorley Borough Council, as landowner, is ideally placed to deliver this project. Through the use of internal project management toolkits and health and safety expertise officers are well-placed to ensure a safe and successful installation. Competent lighting specialists will be contracted to carry out all works, and have designed the scheme to be sympathetic to both the design of the recreation ground and to minimise the possibility of light pollution to surrounding properties.

All relevant policies and procedures are held by the local authority to ensure the safe management of the recreation ground, and all contractors working on site will be expected to provide evidence of competence and relevant liability cover to indemnify the council against any claims arising from the lighting scheme.

ABLE TO PLAY WORKER

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	
Recruitment costs	500			
Salary (16 hrs pw)	9,200	9,500	9,800	
National Insurance	380	400	420	
Superannuation	1450	1490	1535	
Mileage allowances	300	350	400	
IT - laptop computer	900			
Stationery, printing and postage	500	500	500	
Training and conferences	750	750	500	
TOTALS	13,980	12,990	13,155	40,125

APPENDIX FOUR

England Children's Play Appendix A – Individual project details



Please copy this appendix and fill in one copy for each project in your portfolio.

A1 Name of your portfolio

ABLE TO PLAY

A2 Individual project name

CORONATION RECREATION GROUND - BALL ZONE

A3 Priority number

A4 Delivery organisation

Name of organisation that will deliver this project

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

What is this organisation's registered address?

TOWN HALL
MARKET ST
CHORLEY
LANCASHIRE

Postcode

PR7 1DP

What sector does this organisation fit into?

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary and community sector
- Other (please describe)

A5 Project location

In the table below, tell us where this project will be delivered and what its postcode is.

In some cases an individual project will be delivered in more than one place. If so, tell us the locations and postcodes for each delivery location. If the project is delivered through outreach work or covers a wide area, then tell us the postcode of where the project is based. Estimate the percentage of our funding for the individual project that will be used to deliver the project in each location.

Location of activity	Location postcode	Percentage per location*
Example: The adventure playground, Enfield	N15 4RY	100%
CORONATION RECREATION GROUND	PR7 2DJ	100%

*If the individual project is only going to be delivered in one place write 100%

A6 Project description

Briefly describe the project, telling us what the project will achieve and what our grant will pay for.

Coronation Recreation Ground currently has three tennis courts. One is isolated at the far side of the site, while the other two are fenced together alongside the main Devonshire Road entrance. They are infrequently used, and in poor condition. This project replaces the double court with a multi-function ball court alongside a second area catering for an additional range of ball games. This will allow for young people and families to play together in a purpose built facility, on an all weather surface and in safety. Currently the existing open space is being heavily used by people playing football when conditions allow. There is also football played on the bowling greens on site which causes significant damage and is a constant nuisance to surrounding residents. Additional ball games such as table tennis, paddle tennis, badminton or head tennis can be played on the area adjacent to the ball court being proposed. While these can all be enjoyed casually the facility also creates the opportunity to stage organised activity and coaching sessions in an ideal location amongst high density housing. If chosen the grant would be paying for a robust steel ball court and complimentary fencing for the remaining area. It would also fund surfacing works, line markings and the provision of additional features to cater for the other games already mentioned. In this area of limited opportunity this attraction has the potential to deliver enormous benefits to both users and those currently experiencing juvenile nuisance as a result of boredom amongst older children and youths. By complimenting existing provision within the recreation ground this site will then offer opportunity for each age group, and also allow for integratrn by those with mobility or other difficulties.

A7 Project beneficiaries

Tell us about the people and organisations that will mostly benefit from the project and, in particular, how many people will benefit directly from the project.

Local children will be the principle beneficiaries. This design will allow them to play in a variety of ways that have been previously unavailable on this recreation ground. By encouraging group activity the equipment creates the opportunity of different groups of children, and young families, playing together. Further benefits can be felt from its location that allows for natural surveillance, creating feelings of safety that will encourage people to play for longer.

Neighbouring residents will enjoy associated benefits as ball games will have been directly catered for. There will be less aggravation from balls being deliberately kicked into gardens etc. Any damage to vehicles, resulting from games being played on local car parks will reduce as hopefully will the potential for accidents because of car parks being used in this way.

Activity providers will benefit from having this facility at their disposal to deliver organised sessions over a wide range of games.

Maintenance staff will benefit from this provision as levels of vandalism and damage to bowling greens, flower beds and other features should reduce. This robust design will also lessen the need for lengthy repair works.

By creating this new feature to compliment existing play features and spaces it is expected that every resident in the ward, and many beyond, will enjoy the benefits of such enhanced provision.

Number of beneficiaries:	6,106+
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A8 Fit with strategy

Tell us why this project is the best way to help meet the needs identified. How does it contribute to the portfolio outcomes? How does it fit with your Children's Play strategy?

This equipment offers local children and young people exciting new opportunities to play in either a structured or unstructured way. It has excellent access, will remain free of cost and has been sited and designed in a way that will reduce users fears of intimidation and bullying. In keeping with the views of local children as expressed in the local play strategy this proposal sees expanded provision on an existing recognised site. It compliments existing provision and allows for numerous age groups and abilities to play together. A number of new sports are provided, including a football court, as requested via consultation.

By being located so centrally this facility is made readily available to a significant number of children and young people who would otherwise have to make a road journey to access such facilities. This design also allows users to enjoy its benefits all year round, and will be especially popular during periods when the open spaces on the recreation ground are too wet to play on.

This scheme can also deliver social improvements. By encouraging groups to play together and with families the facility can break down barriers to interaction and become vitally important to the future cohesion of the junior community both locally, and perhaps, beyond.

A9 Project costs

Fill in the following table to show us how much the project will cost, what funding you plan to secure from other sources and the total contribution required from us.

Make sure you read the programme guidance notes, as they will help you to understand:

- the amount we will contribute to individual project costs
- what project costs you can ask us to fund
- what overheads you can ask us to fund
- whether you can ask us to fund any VAT costs
- what legal costs associated with a grant award you should budget for.

	Year 1 £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Total project costs £ (A)	Other income £ (B)	Amount requested (A-B)
Revenue						
Capital	85,000			85,000		85,000
Total project costs	85,000			85,000		85,000

How have you calculated the project costs? Tell us on what basis they have been calculated and any assumptions you have made. We may ask you to provide a more detailed breakdown of projects costs during the assessment.

Project costs are formulated on firm costs from leading equipment manufacturers. Works include all removal of existing equipment, supply and installation of all fencing, goalposts, all relevant line markings and the necessary elements of site security and supervision during the construction phase.

A10 Delivery

Why is the organisation that will deliver this project the most appropriate one? Tell us about their skills and experience in this area of work and their ability to deliver the project. You must confirm that the organisation has satisfactory child protection / vulnerable adult policies and procedures in place where the project will involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

As land owner the local authority are ideally placed to deliver this project from conception to completion. We have extensive experience in both the design and management of play facilities and retain an excellent track record of offering safe and attractive parks and recreation grounds for the boroughs residents and visitors to enjoy. We are both aware and committed to child protection issues at every level throughout the authority.

APPENDIX FIVE

England Children's Play Appendix A – Individual project details



Please copy this appendix and fill in one copy for each project in your portfolio.

A1 Name of your portfolio

ABLE TO PLAY

A2 Individual project name

CLAYTON BROOK PLAY PARK

A3 Priority number

A4 Delivery organisation

Name of organisation that will deliver this project

CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

What is this organisation's registered address?

THE TOWN HALL,
MARKET ST
CHORLEY

Postcode

PR7 1DP

What sector does this organisation fit into?

- Public sector
- Private sector
- Voluntary and community sector
- Other (please describe)

A5 Project location

In the table below, tell us where this project will be delivered and what its postcode is.

In some cases an individual project will be delivered in more than one place. If so, tell us the locations and postcodes for each delivery location. If the project is delivered through outreach work or covers a wide area, then tell us the postcode of where the project is based. Estimate the percentage of our funding for the individual project that will be used to deliver the project in each location.

Location of activity	Location postcode	Percentage per location*
Example: The adventure playground, Enfield	N15 4RY	100%
CLAYTON BROOK VILLAGE GREEN	PR5 8HL	100%

*If the individual project is only going to be delivered in one place write 100%

A6 Project description

Briefly describe the project, telling us what the project will achieve and what our grant will pay for.

Expansion of existing amenity in-line with young peoples requirements, to include natural and informal play elements.

This project includes replacement of existing sunken five-a-side court with more appropriate facilities including boulders, net mountains and cable riders alongside accessible and challenging units for all age ranges and abilities. There is also an intention to feature existing mature trees amongst the scheme.

This attraction will be further enhanced by the provision of lighting that will allow partner organisations to work with children for longer periods in the area and also extend the useable life of the equipment each day. Furthermore, by offering a safe, lit site local routes to the village centre will be improved. As a direct result concerns over personal safety will be reduced amongst older people, helping to develop stronger community bonding.

Through an effective marriage of design, lighting and usage factors the grant will pay for various elements that, when combined, offer an outstanding play facility that will become a central feature of the village. It will improve community safety and reduce the fear of crime, as well as providing quality opportunities for play and social interaction for the young people living in, and around, this area of recognised deprivation.

Once completed the maintenance and management of these improvements will become the responsibility of the local authority.

A7 Project beneficiaries

Tell us about the people and organisations that will mostly benefit from the project and, in particular, how many people will benefit directly from the project.

The proposed play park will allow partner organisations to engage local young people in outreach work, by having a central location over which they feel ownership. Alongside these benefits will be felt by local residents experiencing reduced levels of juvenile nuisance thanks to equipment catering for all ages.

Local shopkeepers will experience a similar reduction in their current problems, as anti-social behaviour locally is put down to boredom by youths. Linked to this the local police will benefit from having children and youths centrally grouped, giving them opportunities to engage with them and break down existing barriers.

Clearly the biggest benefactors are the young people themselves who have repeatedly cited lack of facilities as their biggest issue. Alongside the Borough Council, each of the partner organisations supporting this bid can claim to benefit from this scheme. These are - Lancashire Constabulary, Clayton Brook Primary School, County Council Youth Service, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council, Clayton Brook Community House, Clayton Brook Community Church and Places for People (Housing Association) PACT and Junior PACT groups.

From reduced vandalism to property, creating opportunity to talk to children, or staging organised activity each of the groups will have benefits which they can associate to the provision of such a high quality facility. It is therefore proposed that within a calendar year the majority of residents within this ward will benefit, directly or otherwise, from the provision of this area.

Number of beneficiaries:	6,500+
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A8 Fit with strategy

Tell us why this project is the best way to help meet the needs identified. How does it contribute to the portfolio outcomes? How does it fit with your Children's Play strategy?

Young people identify with this site already. It is their cultural centre due to its location, level of exposure, natural surveillance, and proximity to the local shops. These target groups within Clayton Brook have clearly identified the lack of current provision as a continual cause of frustration and have commented on the features they would like to see. By centralising a wide range of attractions this proposal can successfully bring together several pockets and age groups within a community that features in the top 20% of deprivation nationally.

Such flagship developments are in keeping with the highest responses from children within the local play strategy "where we like to play" and "places we'd like to see improved" - our children want to see larger play sites. This is also matched by the planning policies of the local authority and sees the bid marry-in with strategic thinking.

In keeping with the local play strategy this submission has identified a clear gap in provision and will greatly increase feelings of safety amongst young people and the wider community. The proposal is underpinned by a strong partnership approach which has engaged the community at each key stage and aims to further develop community spirit through delivery. Throughout this bid the key themes of Every Child Matters have been addressed.

Thanks to a quality design and the inclusion of lighting, this facility will offer outstanding opportunities that are fully inclusive and accessible to everyone. Both children and young people will be able to play freely, with supervision, for longer, in safety and in an unstructured fashion. Once in place this proposal can transform the attitudes and aspirations of the young people in the area and help to generate not only health and well-being benefits but, potentially, by meeting their needs and taking an interest in them, instil social values and the confidence to pursue greater goals.

A9 Project costs

Fill in the following table to show us how much the project will cost, what funding you plan to secure from other sources and the total contribution required from us.

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- whether you can ask us to fund any VAT costs
- what legal costs associated with a grant award you should budget for.

	Year 1 £	Year 2 £	Year 3 £	Total project costs £ (A)	Other income £ (B)	Amount requested (A-B)
Revenue						
Capital						
Total project costs	120,000			120,000		120,000

How have you calculated the project costs? Tell us on what basis they have been calculated and any assumptions you have made. We may ask you to provide a more detailed breakdown of projects costs during the assessment.

Proposed project costs include all installation of play equipment, fencing, safety surfacing, lighting (including trenchwork and cabling) and signage. These costs are based on estimates from leading companies in area, from play provision to lighting. As a result the projected sum is an accepted ceiling and is an assurance that all facilities can be delivered within this budget. Detailed costings can be made available on request.

A10 Delivery

Why is the organisation that will deliver this project the most appropriate one? Tell us about their skills and experience in this area of work and their ability to deliver the project. You must confirm that the organisation has satisfactory child protection / vulnerable adult policies and procedures in place where the project will involve children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Chorley Borough Council will project manage and deliver this scheme through to completion. As the local authority it has extensive knowledge of play area design, installation, project management and maintenance. Through its existing procedures, and working with partner organisations this project will have the ability to satisfy the requirements of all existing and forthcoming legislation. Although in principle the project outcome comprises of a safe, lit council play facility, this site will become a focal point for the delivery of social engagement and juvenile out-reach work.