

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 22ND OCTOBER 2003

PLAYPARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To respond to a request from the Committee for information on the Playpark Improvement Programme in the Northern Area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's Community Services Committee agreed a Playpark Improvement Programme at its meeting on 13th November 2002 following a period of public consultation.
- 2.2 At this meeting the Committee approved a priority order for playpark refurbishment which covered each ward within East Ayrshire.
- 2.3 Investment in new playparks commenced in 2001/02 and has continued through 2002/03 and into 2003/04.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 In the Northern Area Morton Park, Kilmaurs was upgraded with new Toddler and Junior equipment in 2002/03.
- 3.2 Robertland playpark in Stewarton stands at number 16 on the initial priority list and, if current levels of capital investment are maintained, should be refurbished in 2006/07 with Dunlop Park likely to be refurbished in the following year (if this refurbishment has not already been carried out by the Dunlop and Lugton Park Association).
- 3.3 No priority order has been agreed for the refurbishment of other playparks in the Northern Area, the Council will consider this issue at sometime in the future.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this progress report.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Morton Park, Kilmaurs was one of the first playparks refurbished under the Council's Improvement Programme. Further investment in playparks in the Northern Area will follow in future years.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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