

## Strategic CIL Project Appraisal Scoring Criteria

### Section 1 - Applicant information

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### Culture and Recreation LBB

### Children's Play Spaces and Facilities - £550k CIL requested

The overall project aim in the long term is to ensure that every residential area in the borough has a variety of high-quality play spaces for all children, regardless of their circumstances, to play safely and free of charge. In addition, the project seeks to develop high quality 'main/hub' play spaces and facilities in key parks, and to support and work with partners to create 'flagship' play spaces, designed with input from the local community.

### Section 2

1. Does this project support the delivery of infrastructure identified on the Council's Regulation 123 list? Yes – Sports, Leisure, parks and open spaces

### Section 3

2. Impact of project on delivering Borough Manifesto targets  
Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

Health and well-being  
Employment and Enterprise  
Safety  
Skills and Education  
Environment  
Community Engagement  
(See EOI form for more info)

3. Impact from new development that the project addresses  
Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

The council's **Growth Strategy** talks about creating neighbourhoods with a clear sense of character. The borough's parks have a fundamental role to play in this process, and the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (POSS) will help ensure that parks (including children's play spaces and facilities) are at the centre of new developments and estate renewal.

Good quality parks make town centres more attractive, helping to sustain their economic success and making them attractive places to work and set up business.

Good play provision is at the heart of safe, cohesive and prosperous communities where children can thrive and develop.

4. Support from community and stakeholders.

Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

The borough's POSS 2017 was preceded by a detailed community consultation and engagement process to gather views on the boroughs parks and ideas for their future management and development.

5. Impact on cohesion and equalities including groups with protected characteristics.

Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

This investment will help improve the quality of play space and address the needs of those with protected characteristics under the Public Sector Equality Duty. Therefore, the play is integral to the Council's Vision – One Borough. One Community. No-one left behind.

Better play opportunities are good for children, good for families and good for our communities.

As well as benefits to children, there is also compelling evidence that play provision brings benefits to communities and families. In mixed and diverse communities, children and services for them provide a key focus for building cohesive, socially inclusive neighbourhoods.

Good, inclusive play provision ensures that all children and young people have access to play opportunities, including disabled children, children in poverty, ethnic minorities and vulnerable children.

Free, accessible play space helps children from poorer families to compensate for lack of other opportunities.

Play spaces and facilities can, and should be, fully inclusive and accessible and all neighbourhoods should have access to playable areas.

## Section 4

6. How much match funding does the project have or unlock?

75-100%	10 points
50-74%	7 points
25-49%	5 points
Up to 25%	3 points
None	0 points

If CIL is being used to unlock match funding e.g. through a bid, CIL contribution will be dependent on the match funding being confirmed.

7 – 71% match funding £1.350m for a £1.9m project.

7. The revenue impacts and what if any CIL is needed for maintenance and/or operational costs; What are the revenue impacts of the project and how is it intended that this is funded? Is any CIL funding required for maintenance or operational costs?

In terms of revenue costs, the project should be cost neutral, as the proposal is based on the initial rationalisation of the current number of play spaces and facilities, and investment in fewer higher quality spaces and facilities.

## Section 5

8. The robustness of the delivery strategy including how will the project be delivered and the timetable for delivery with regard to the growth impacts the project is meant to be addressing  
Rate from 1 to 10 – 6

Will be consistent with the POSS 2017 Action Plan but a detailed project plan is still to be submitted. **Would recommend committing half the requested amount over a 5 year period with a new request submitted for the next 5 years nearer the time when we know if CIL is still in existence. Would also request further delivery detail on an annual basis.**

The Commissioning Director will provide overall management and monitoring of the project, supported by the 'Play Partnership'.

9. Risks management and Constraints  
Rate from 1 to 10 (severe to mild) - 8

Project will help overcome existing risks.

10. Strength of monitoring regime  
Rate from 1 to 10 - 7

C/o the Residents Survey and levels of resident satisfaction with parks and open spaces, play spaces and facilities, and improvements in the physical and mental health and well-being of borough residents, especially children and young people.

**Total Score 60/80**