

Meeting	Decision Session - Economic Development and Community Engagement (Deputy Leader)
Date	24 May 2016
Present	Councillor Aspden

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## **22. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda. He declared he had none.

## **23. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

## **24. Review of Play Policy, Playground Investment and Maintenance**

The Executive Member considered a report that set out an update to the city's play policy together with specific proposals for the improvement of playgrounds.

Following on from the Learning and Culture Policy and Scrutiny Committee (Pre Decision Calling In) officers confirmed:

- They would continue to work with Planning and Local Plan officers to identify areas of need and advise on what could be done to fill those gaps.
- They would continue to work with residents and ward councillors to target any issues raised.
- They would continue to advise on suitable play equipment for all age groups.
- They would be developing street play and would consult with ward councillors to explore this with residents.
- The process and protocol to close roads would be added to the City of York Council's website and councillors would

be encouraged to explore this option further and engage with residents.

The Executive Member thanked officers for their updates and noted the comments raised in the Pre Decision Call-In. He agreed the recommendations would begin an investment in play and he welcomed any further discussions with the called-in Members to improve the provision across the city.

Resolved:

- (i) That the updated play policy be agreed.
- (ii) That the criteria for the release of the Council's capital programme for playground improvement be agreed.
- (iii) That the allocation of £30k of the capital funding as match funding for the Rowntree Park Skatepark scheme be agreed.
- (iv) That the proposed new playground inspection regime be agreed.
- (v) That questions raised in the Learning and Culture and Policy Scrutiny Committee (Pre Decision Calling In) on street play and areas of need including suitable play equipment for all age groups, be considered by officers.

Reason: To ensure that the Council's approach to play remains up to date and resources are used to the best effect

Cllr Aspden, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 6.06 pm and finished at 6.10 pm].