

## Play Opportunities Scrutiny Review

### Information on Implementation of Previous National Playbuilder Scheme in York

1. At the time of its introduction, there was a growing focus in York on the importance of play and the Playbuilder funding provided greater access to higher quality outdoor play areas which directly linked to York's then play strategy 'Taking Play Forward', and assisted in the Council's aim to raise the standard of play provision.
2. York was allocated £1,165,391, consisting of £1,120,453 capital and £44,938 revenue and the scheme was overseen by a multi agency steering group representing Play, Parks, Young Peoples Service, Extended Schools, City Development, Transport Safety, Grants & Partnership, and Neighbourhood Management, North Yorkshire Police, Parents & Children Together Charity (PACT), York Centre for Voluntary Service (CVS) and the Executive Member for Children and Young People's services.
3. The plan was to build 22 new and upgraded play sites across the city over a two year period, each to be developed in consultation, and with the participation of local children and young people, families, communities and representatives as appropriate.
4. However, following the general election and resulting change in Government, the Department of Education wrote to all Local Authorities announcing their need to identify savings from a number of capital budgets in 2010-11 where commitments were no longer affordable. This led to the Department of Education reviewing the planned spend on Playbuilder scheduled for the second-year of the project. In the case of York, a majority of the allocation had already been committed and therefore the Council was able to complete the planned works at 19 of the 22 sites – see list below.
5. Play Areas with Major Investment Since 2008

Ward	Site	Funding source	Investment Date
Acomb	Viking Road	Playbuilder	2009/10
Bishopthorpe	Keeble Park	Playbuilder	2009/10

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Clifton	Ashton Avenue	Playbuilder	2009/10
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Leeside	Lottery	2008/09
Guildhall	Clarence Gardens	106	2015
Haxby and Wigginton	Mancroft (Haxby)	Playbuilder	2010/11
Heworth	Barfield Road	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Bell Farm Adventure Playground	Playbuilder	2010/11
	Arran Place	Housing Revenue Account and 106	2014
Heworth Without	Stray Road	Playbuilder	2010/11
Holgate	Balfour Street (Back Park)	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Sowerby Road	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Garnett Terrace	Playbuilder	2010/11
Hull Road	Hull Road Park - main	Playbuilder	2010/11
	Hull Road Park – small	Housing Revenue Account	
Huntington & New Earswick	Orchard Park	Playbuilder	2009/10
Rural York West	Brecksfield (Skelton)	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Copmanthorpe Recreation Ground	Playbuilder	2010/11
Osbaldwick &	Dunnington	Big Lottery Fund	2010

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Dunnington	Recreation Ground		
Strensall		Playbuilder	2010/11
Westfield	Chesney's Field, (Foxwood Lane)	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Grange Lane	Playbuilder and Yorventure	2010/11
	Acomb Green	Big Lottery Fund	2012
	Cornlands Road	106 & Yorventure	2014
Wheldrake	Naburn	Playbuilder	2009/10
	Elvington	Playbuilder	2009/10
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