Executive Member for Children's Services - 22 January 2007

Report of the Assistant Director (Lifelong Learning and Culture)

Big Lottery Fund: Play – Update report

- 1. Following the submission of the Emap paper to January's Children's services Committee, officers wish to present an update of the progress made throughout December. Since writing the paper officers have visited the seven shortlisted projects to gain further information and clarity on how these proposed schemes meet *Taking Play Forward* and Big Lottery Criteria.
- 2. As outlined in the full report the seven shortlisted projects currently have a total bid value of £672.8k which exceeds the available allocation by £377.6k. Officer would like to present schemes which best meet the criteria with a proposed allocation to ensure these schemes can be further developed to be included as part of the Big Lottery Portfolio.
- 3. On visiting to proposed projects it became apparent that 2 of the projects did not meet as many of the criteria as some of the others and therefore it is proposed that these schemes are rejected.
- 4. Recommendations as detailed in the original paper remain the same but now refers to the table below.

No	Description of Project	Cost	Recommende d allocation
Q	Leeside Play Area (Dringhouses and Wood Thorpe)— To regenerate a once popular play area that is now loosing numbers due to wear and tear of existing equipment. Funding would entail retaining the best of the existing equipment and introducing new, modern and exiting play equipment.	£52,251	£52,000
V	Rawcliffe Boulders (Rawcliffe Country Park)— to construct two large climbing boulders that will have 24 hour access for all young people to encourage them to be more adventurous with and through their play.	£88,000	£88,000
P+ T	Running Wild Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Extreme (St.Nicholas Fields, Moorlands Nature Reserve, Fishponds Wood, Clifton Backies, Acomb Wood) – Outdoor activity that challenges young people in an urban setting. – To fund a project assistant to help develop outdoor activities. The project will seek to further enhance the 5 sites and develop safe accessible play spaces whilst retaining their wild nature and develop features such as chainsaw sculpture, musical playgrounds and orienteering trails.	£63,125 + £90,000	£105,000
S	Park Grove Play Area (Guildhall)— to enhance one side of the school field which will provide play opportunities for children ages between 3 – 14 years and encourage young parents to become involved with the school and one another. As well as being open to the public the project will also be made available for children who attend a number of local out of school groups and the school itself.	£117,500	£50,000
W	Playground Zoning (Fishergate) – To remodel play areas with multi game markings, stage, benches and tables.	£28,248	Reject due to limited access
X	Therapeutic Play Zones (Examples given: 68 Centre, Heworth, Tang Hall, Moor Lane, Dringhouses) – To run three therapeutic play zones in three areas of deprivation in York. Open access for up to 40 children 8 – 13 years, 2 nights per week, 50 weeks per year in 3 areas.	£233,762	Reject due to limited access