

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director & Monitoring Officer	Service: Communities, Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer: Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure Services/SRO March Future High Street Project	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, Table 4, Para 74: To manage the Council's property and engineering assets. To undertake the Council's asset management functions.
Subject of Decision: To commence work on replacement of the play area at Westmead open space in Wisbech	

<p>Decision Taken: Further to Member instruction, work will commence to replace the play area at Westmead Open space in Wisbech, given that the existing facility is at the end of its useful life.</p> <p>Budget to come from FDC capital funding and not the Pride in Place Impact Funding following agreement from the Portfolio Holder for Finance.</p>	
<p>Reason for the Decision: It has been recognised for some time that the play area at Westmead Ave in Wisbech is beyond its useful life and does not represent a fit for purpose asset for local community use.</p> <p>With capacity increased following the recruitment of a play area officer as part of the Pride in Place funded, Fenland Inspire! Play Area project, work on the replacement of Westmead Play area will commence. This work will include local Member consultation, Community consultation and then formal procurement using the ESPO framework.</p> <p>Budget is £55,000 from FDC's capital programme, not funded by the Pride in Place Impact Fund (PIPIF) Grant.</p>	
<p>Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate): N/A- it is recognised that a replacement of this end-of-life asset is required.</p> <p>Consideration of using the PIPIF budget was given, but in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance it has been decided that funding should come from FDC's capital programme.</p>	
<p>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached: N/A</p>	
<p>Legal and Procurement Implications: N/A</p> <p>Financial Implications: Budget from FDC capital programme in place.</p>	
<p>Portfolio Holder/Officer's Signature:</p> <p>Phil Hughes, Head of Leisure</p>	<p>Date:</p> <p>26 January 2026</p>

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