
QUESTION FROM A MEMBER – REQUEST FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT - WESTGATE

To: **Council – 11 July 2013**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Westgate-on-Sea**

Summary: **Councillor Johnston, as Cabinet Member for Community Services, to receive a question from Councillor King in relation to play equipment at Westgate**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1. Council Procedure Rule No. 14 governs the process for questions to be submitted by Members of Council.
- 1.2 The following question, addressed to Councillor Johnston, has been received from Councillor King.

“As Member for Communities, will Councillor Mrs Johnston agree that there is a need for play equipment for under-fives along the coastal areas of Westgate from Epple Bay through to Westbrook Sands and help to identify such an area and bring it into much needed use?”

- 1.3 Council Procedure Rule 14.2 states that a Member of the Council may ask

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

- 1.4 Council Procedure Rule 14.6 states that an answer may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

- 1.5 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.7, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

1.6 The questioner shall have two minutes for the initial question and one minute for the supplementary question and the respondent shall have five minutes for the initial reply and two minutes for the supplementary reply. (Council Procedure Rule 14.8 refers)

2.0 Corporate Implications

2.1 Financial

2.1.1 None arising at this stage

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 None arising at this stage

2.3 Corporate

2.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 14 enables Members of Council to ask a Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the district. No Member, however, can submit more than one question to one meeting.

2.4 Equity and Equalities

2.4.1 None arising at this stage

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 This report is for information only.

4.0 Decision Making Process

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Annex List

None	
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate & Regulatory Services Manager and Monitoring Officer, ext 7005