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## **REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL – PETITION RELATING TO PLAY AREA AT BROADSTAIRS MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND**

To: **Council – 24 April 2014**

By: **Martyn Cassell, Community Safety and Leisure Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Bradstowe**

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Summary: **To report back to Council on a petition relating to play area at Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground**

### **For Information**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background Information**

- 1.1 On 27 February 2014, full Council received the following petition, containing 1,760 signatures, and resolved that it be referred to Cabinet for determination or report.

“We the undersigned petition the Council to undertake major improvements to the play area at the Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground (behind the station) for the following reasons:

- It is currently in a pitiful state
- The children and visitors of Broadstairs deserve an updated play area like the rest of Thanet have received
- Its position is in a lovely green space, central to many homes, schools, the library and the station
- There is poor access for wheelchair and buggy users
- The playground needs to become a safe, dog-free area with equipment for children of all ages and abilities.”

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

- 2.1 Cabinet considered the petition at its meeting on 3 April 2014 and AGREED:
- 2.1.2 “To add the Memorial Park playground to the existing tender for playground improvements and for the Lead Officer to consult with the local resident group.”
- 2.2 The report to Cabinet and notice of decision can be viewed on the website, [www.thanet.gov.uk](http://www.thanet.gov.uk)

### **3.0 Corporate Implications**

#### **3.1 Financial and VAT**

3.1.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.2 Legal**

3.2.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.3 Corporate**

3.3.1 As stated in the report to Cabinet.

#### **3.4 Equity and Equalities**

3.4.1 As stated the report to Cabinet.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 This report is for Council to note.

### **5.0 Decision Making Process**

5.1 Cabinet's decision in relation to this executive function is being reported to Council for information purposes.

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#### **Annex List**

<i>None</i>	N/A
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#### **Background Papers**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
Petition	Democratic Services

#### **Corporate Consultation Undertaken**

Finance	N/A
Legal	N/A