

APPENDIX 3

Comments from Community Safety & Strong Communities Scrutiny Panel on 26th June 2007

- **Would the play only be physical or could this include arts, drawing, culture etc? Does the project link into sports?**

Officer/Consultant response: The play opportunities will not only be about physical play. Both projects can include art/cultural elements in their delivery. With sports being a main element of traditional play, it will be part of the delivery of the Play Ranger project. However, since there is awareness of sports through existing sports initiatives the projects will try to raise awareness of other methods of traditional play.

- **How would the £221k be spent? Could Members see the detailed costings?**

Officer/Consultant response: The detailed costings have not been prepared yet. This work is part of Phase 2, i.e. preparing a fully costed project portfolio for submission to the Big Lottery. The overall cost figures have been estimated with support from Leisureworks. Once the full detailed costings are ready, they will be posted to Scrutiny Panel members.

- **Does this allow sufficient funds each year to provide play equipment to deliver services? What would the Play Ranger do with no resources? How much money would be spent on transport?**

Officer/Consultant response: The projects will allow sufficient funds each year to provide play equipment to deliver services and Members will see this as part of the full costings. However, it should be noted that both initiatives are about promoting traditional and natural play, which does not necessarily need expensive equipment to deliver it. Transport costs will also be identified in the detailed costings, which will be posted to Scrutiny Panel members.

- **Should the funds be spent on 'workers' rather than play equipment? More play equipment is needed (i.e. play parks) in some areas.**

Officer/Consultant response: Both projects came out as priorities from the consultation process with young people and other stakeholders and have been strongly supported by the Play Partnership. The projects will benefit young people across Derwentside and will raise awareness of and provide traditional play opportunities which do not need fixed equipment and play parks. Play England's philosophy is about children and young people and their families learning again traditional methods of play which have been forgotten. This is seen as an easy and cost-effective way to provide a great deal of enjoyment for children, young people, their families and carers around the district and also contribute to sustainability of play. At the same time, however, the Play Ranger project will also work towards developing opportunities to use existing resources (e.g. community centres) to best effect.

- **Can the Community Appraisal in Havannah be taken into account in the Strategy?**

Officer/Consultant response: KKP will ensure that this is taken into account.