



Minutes of Playbuilder Project Board Selection Meeting
Wednesday 29 April 2009

9.00am – 4.30
Browfort, Devizes

Present

Bob Hussey (BH) Colin Brown (CB), Steve Richardson (SR), Annika Palmer (AP), Annie Scadden (AS), Carolyn Port (CP), Niki Willows (NW).

1 Update

CB stated that Mark Smith and Stephanie Denovan have met but at present we are unclear of the outcome of the meeting. Gill Hanlan is arranging another meeting to clarify individual responsibilities within departments.

2 Purpose and scope of Meeting

AP – The purpose of today is to clarify indicators to select play spaces.

CB – Play spaces must go where they are needed not one in each Area Board, CP agreed with this and said that selection criteria needs to be 'concrete'.

3 Relationship with new governance arrangements

AP – due to timescales of Community Area Boards being set up and limited Playbuilder time we need to move ahead now. Community Forums will be involved with each individual site will feed into the Area Boards.

CP – if you need back-up government office will come and talk directly to key people. Sue Nield has signed up to say that the project will be guided by Play England and their criteria are that monies will not be split equally between areas.

4 Site selection criteria

CB – we need to identify sites and then go into specifics.

CP - You could follow Poole's example or develop your own.

AP – Biggest indicator should be play deprivation. Mentioned Cornwall who has areas of great affluence but those children are play deprived as there is no existing provision.

Consideration needs to be given to play deprivation for the age range, remember that it is play deprived for the 8 to 13 age group.

Discussion of bus routes, accessibility for disabled children, land ownership, planning permission, match funding, R2/106 money, working in partnership with volunteer groups, site access for contractors, natural ground e.g.: boggy conditions, vandalism,

After lengthy discussion and deliberation it was decided that the following list of indicators would dictate the prioritisation methodology for the programme.

Decided list of indicators and weighting

0-100 -Play Deprivation & Play Value (100 being most deprived)

0-50 - Current Condition (50 being worst condition)

0-25 – Accessibility (0 good – 25 poor)

0-25 - Rurality (0 – urban – 25 rural)

0-20 - Active Participation (Heath/Obesity) (0- most active area – 20 least active area)

0-10 - Indices of Deprivation (0- low deprivation – 10 high deprivation)

0-10 - Existing Funding (0 – poor – 10 good)

0-10 – Demographics (0- low number of children in catchment – 10 high number of children in catchment group)

0-5 - Land Ownership (0 – Wiltshire Council don't own land – 5 Wiltshire Council own land)

200 for other factors including; locality to Further Education College, distance to other play areas with provision for 8 to 13 yr olds, bike routes anti social behaviour.

CP began a spreadsheet and each Wiltshire Council play area was given a rating from the indicators above.