

PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME CRITERIA 2017-2018

The conditions for approval under the Scheme will be:

- a. Parish and Town Councils will be responsible for ensuring local residents are consulted on project proposals for improvements to play area provision
- b. Locations must be either
 - MKC owned
 - Parish/Town Council owned (or available for parish acquisition)
- c. Awards will normally be completed within a 2 year project delivery plan.
- d. Milton Keynes Council's share of the cost of the project will be no greater than 50% excluding VAT (75% for very small councils) of the lower of the following figures:-
 - i) the lowest quotation; or
 - ii) the maximum award approved by Milton Keynes Council
- e. Decisions will be made by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Place following consultation with MKC officers
- f. The costs of any planning permissions that may be necessary can be included as part of the design costs
- g. The scheme will benefit as many parishes as possible; where parishes submit more than one application, an indication and explanation of priority order must be provided
- h. Full consideration of maintenance and cleansing should be demonstrated in project design
- i. All play area improvement schemes will normally be implemented by MKC. Any other arrangements need to be agreed in writing to ensure clarity over lead roles, and compliance with Financial Regulations
- j. To successfully manage schemes, a fee of 10% of the total award to cover the cost of procurement, site supervision of contractors and other relevant costs such as design
- k. Award monies can only be used for the projects for which they were approved
- l. Before applications are submitted, please evidence to us that you have discussed the project(s) with the relevant MKC Officers
- m. If an award is used to buy a large item of equipment or asset, it must be recorded in the accounts that Milton Keynes Council has an interest in it. If the asset is to be disposed of, Milton Keynes Council must be contacted before the disposal is made. Milton Keynes Council may want a share of the proceeds in relation to the original contribution
- n. Milton Keynes Council may monitor the progress of any project, which could involve a site visit if appropriate, and will require confirmation of the completion of all projects
- o. The Parishes' contribution to the cost of the project(s) (normally 50% of costs) will be claimed by MKC as soon as possible after the completion of the project