

## **Big Lottery Fund**

### **Proposed Projects**

#### **Background**

Halton, has the opportunity to submit a funding bid to the Big Lottery Fund as part of the national 'Play Initiative'. Halton can submit project proposals up to a total of £365,000.

The criteria for these potential projects are;

- Can be revenue of capital
- Minimum project cost of £50,000 to £60,000
- Projects must be capable of being delivered within 3 years of project approval
- All projects should be sustainable
- Projects cannot replace existing Council funding
- In particular projects must 'enhance/increase free time play activities for children and young people' which must be

FREE - no cost to participant

FREE – Child/Young People free to come and go

FREE – to do what the Child/Young People

- The 3 FREE's are a cornerstone of the 'Play Initiative'

#### **Proposed Projects**

The four projects recommended (attached) from a range of possible projects considered have been informed by;

- The Play Plan; the Play Plan's Play Audit and Consultation process have identified a number of priorities which have been taken into consideration
- Local Considerations – the proposals have been informed by a range of internal stakeholders; External Funding; Landscape Services; Culture & Leisure
- Sustainability – all projects have a realistic or assured ability to be sustained beyond the life of the Big Lottery Fund Play Initiative.

## 1. IMPROVED PLAY FACILITIES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

### Address:

2 different locations to be confirmed.

### Description:

Most of Halton's play areas have been designed to be as accessible as possible to children with a wide range of abilities. However, some disabled children will still not be able to use generic 'accessible' equipment, and need more specialised items. This project aims to create 2 new facilities within or adjacent to the Borough's larger and most popular play areas, which will provide specialist versions of equipment such as roundabouts, slides, swings, play units and springies. The equipment chosen will be robust and accessible to children of all abilities. The new facilities will be designed in consultation with disabled user groups.

**Planning Permission** is not required.

### Summary of costs:

B: 90,000  
 D: 10,000  
 F: 6,600  
 G: 10,000

Total Capital costs: 116,600

### How the capital costs have been calculated: (cost estimates)

Prelims / Site Preparation:	5,000
Play Equipment:	50,000
Fencing:	10,000
Safer surfacing:	15,000
Other landscape works:	10,000
Contingencies:	10,000
Fees:	10,000

Inflation: 2 years @ 3%	6,600
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### Start and Finish Dates:

Consultation / design / out to tender	Sept 08
Start on site	Nov 08
Finish on site:	Mar 09

## 2. RUNCORN TOWN HALL PARK: IMPROVED PLAY FACILITIES

### Description:

Runcorn Town Hall Park is a popular park in the centre of Runcorn, close to several residential estates. There is already a small, well-used play area on site. It is well maintained by a permanent site-based gardener, and the presence of Council offices in the grounds ensures it has a high level of natural surveillance. This project aims to expand the existing play area, to create a separate, more adventurous and challenging facility for older children nearby, and to improve the existing one to meet the specific needs of toddlers. At a different location within the park, a facility for wheeled sports (e.g. skateboard, BMX, rollerblade) will be developed. The designs will be carried out in consultation with local residents and community groups.

**Planning Permission** is required but has not been applied for yet.

### Summary of costs:

B:	112,000
D:	14,000
F:	8,400
G:	14,000

Total Capital costs: 148,400

### How the capital costs have been calculated:

Prelims / Site Preparation:	5,000
Play Equipment:	35,000
Fencing:	10,000
Safer surfacing:	15,000
Other landscape works:	12,000
Wheeled Sports facility	35,000
Contingencies:	14,000
Fees:	14,000

Inflation: 2 years @ 3%	8,400
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### Start and Finish Dates:

Consultation / design / out to tender	Dec 08
Start on site	Apr 09
Finish on site:	Oct 09

### 3. NEW PLAY AREA AT SPIKE ISLAND, WIDNES

#### Description:

The project aims to provide a new play facility on Spike Island, for visitors to the site and for local residents. The play area will be innovative, and themed, perhaps with a nautical theme (being close to the River Mersey). It will be designed to cater for a wide range of ages and abilities, and will be in a prominent location so that it receives extensive natural surveillance and is close to the Ranger base. The design for the play area (including selection of equipment and theming) will be progressed through workshops with the local community.

**Planning Permission** is required but has not been applied for yet.

#### Summary of costs:

B:	100,000
D:	13,000
F:	7,500
G:	12,000

Total Capital costs: 132,500

#### How the capital costs have been calculated:

Prelims / Site Preparation:	5,000
Play Equipment:	40,000
Fencing:	15,000
Safer surfacing:	20,000
Other landscape works:	10,000
Artwork / Theming	10,000
Contingencies:	12,000
Fees:	13,000

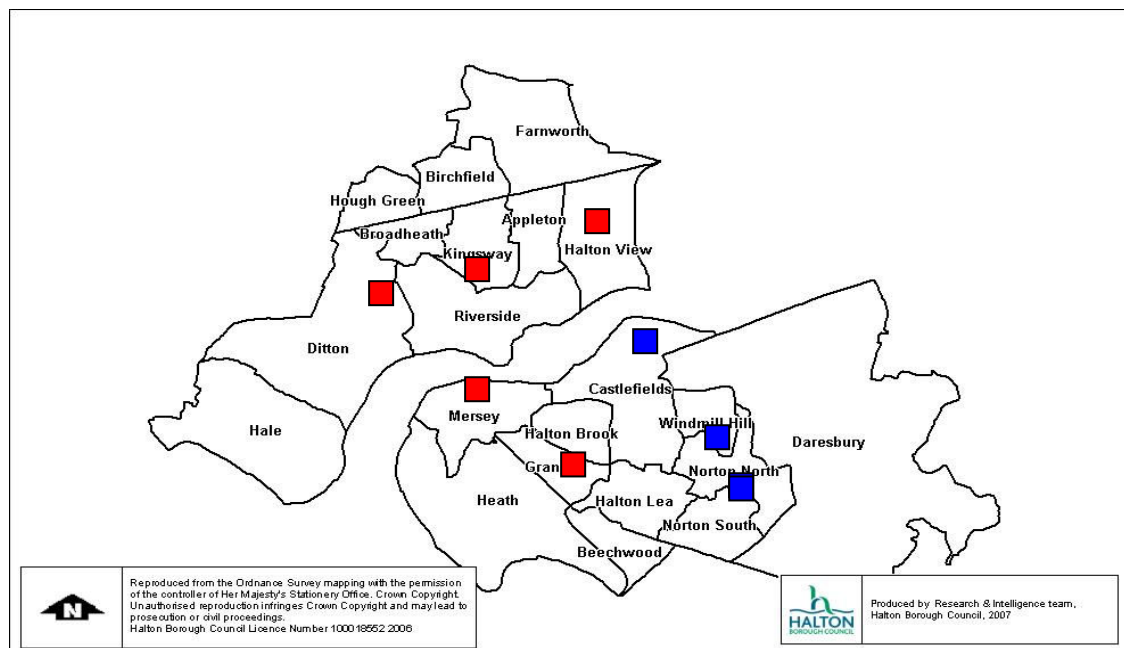
Inflation: 2 years @ 3%	7,500
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#### Start and Finish Dates:

Consultation / design / out to tender	Mar 09
Start on site	Jun 09
Finish on site:	Dec 09

#### 4. INCREASE 'OPEN ACCESS' PLAY PROVISION FOR 5 – 12 YR OLDS

Location – see attached Map



- Proposed
- Current

#### Description

Halton currently has limited term time open access play provision (through Runcorn Playcentres) and more wide spread provision (through Halton Play Council's Playschemes) during school holidays.

The projects aims to; deliver 'open access play' opportunities to children and young people aged 5 – 11 in term time (after school) and in the school summer holidays.

#### Summary of costs:

2 x Part Time Staff	£27,000 per annum
Equipment	£ 2,000 per annum
Man costs including Insurance, promotion	£ 3,000 per annum
Contingencies	£ 1,300 per annum
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,000 per annum</b>
<b>Total for 3 years April 2008 – March 2011</b>	<b>£100,000</b>