

**FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY STATEMENT 2022/23**

Amount

CIL receipts retained from previous years	£36,938.22
CIL receipts 2022/23	£65,740.95

TOTAL	£102,679.17
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CIL expenditure 2022/23	£33,859.00
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CIL receipts carried forward	£68,820.17
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Details of expenditure:

Refurbishment and improvement of 8 parks (see attached)

**Folkestone Town Council
Parish Infrastructure Investment
Plan & Report 2021/22**

Parks and Play Areas

Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP)

Parish name(s)	FOLKESTONE
Area covered (if combined area)	FOLKESTONE
Date of PIIP	07 December 2021
Date of next review	18 November 2022
Date adopted / approved by Parish Council	16 December 2021
<p>Existing infrastructure audit – list of services and facilities within the local area, their condition, location, existing capacity and catchment area.</p>	<p>Folkestone Town Council has recently adopted 8 play parks and it is now our responsibility to enhance the play value in these parks to ensure the play provision meets the needs of Folkestone Community.</p> <p>Folkestone and Hythe District Council reviewed their Play Strategy in 2017 – 2019 and it revealed that the play provision in Folkestone was well below the FiT (Fields in Trust) recommended benchmark standard per 1,000 head of population for equipped/designated play areas. The District Council decided that achieving a good standard of play provision would prove to be financially challenging and they would therefore only prioritise the management and enhancement of priority play areas (PPAs).</p> <p>In 2021 the following Strategically Important Play Areas (SIPAs) and Non-Strategic Play Areas (NSPA) play parks were adopted by the Town Council.</p> <p>Downs Road (SIPA) Coniston Road (SIPA) Firs Lane (NSPA) George Gurr (NSPA) Naseby Ave (SIPA) Pine Way (NSPA) Roman Way (SIPA) Southern Way (SIPA)</p> <p>The 8 Parks came with a dowry of £100,000 to be used to bring the parks up to a safe standard and increase the play value.</p>

	<p>In March 2021, the RoSPA inspection identified the minimum safety repairs required for the parks for insurance purposes but did not look at play value and when this is considered, many of the parks fall short of Play England standards. In most of the parks, equipment is missing where it has been irreparable or beyond its useful life, leaving behind unusable rubber tiles that have created trip hazards.</p>
<p>External infrastructure audit – as above, identifying the services and facilities outside the PIIP that are used by the community.</p>	<p>Lower Leas Coastal Park (PPA) Radnor Park (PPA) Cheriton Park (PPA) Canterbury Road Recreation Ground (PPA) Brabner Park (PPA) Jocks Pitch (PPA) Payers Park (PPA)</p>
<p>Community Infrastructure needs and/or aspirations. This should be based upon the gaps and/or deficits identified in the preceding two rows</p>	<p>Being at the heart of local democracy, FTC believe all sectors of our community should be treated equally, this Parish Infrastructure Plan & Report outlines how we intend to effectively collaborate with our community residents to shape and deliver improvements to the 8 play parks especially where there is a lack of inclusive play. Therefore, council has resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work proactively to make sure all parks are improved to benefit all members of our community by becoming more inclusive, more accessible and more enjoyable for all. 2. To ensure that all parks across the town are treated equally, in the sense of play equipment, allowing all citizens and their children equal opportunity to access equipment local to them. 3. Facilitate play equipment, socialising areas and paths to the playgrounds for: Children and adults who are visually impaired, learning impaired and physically impaired. 4. To work proactively to make sure all parks are as environmentally friendly as possible in line with our pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030, such as planting more trees, using recycled building materials for future equipment, cutting chemicals used in the maintenance of the grounds and developing wildflower bee corridors.

Community

engagement - record details of how you have sought the views of your community and how they have helped to inform your current and future needs

The design of a play area is crucial as equipment needs to last for many years.

A minimum of £250,000 is needed to improve the 8 parks, however, once completed, the play areas should require very little maintenance over and above routine cleaning, grass cutting, litter picking, graffiti removal etc which will be covered by an annual maintenance budget of £35,000.

FTC recognises that it cannot achieve the goals outlined in this plan alone; we will only succeed if the parks are tailored to the various needs of end-users in a variety of ways. As a result, we are working to make community engagement as simple and targeted as possible, particularly for:

- Residents & Residents associations
- local schools, nurseries and youth clubs/groups
- elected members
- council staff
- volunteers such as incredible edible
- contractors, stakeholders & partners

Council has already informed residents of the parks' devolution and that it plans to refurbish them on its website, via its social media platforms and through its quarterly Community Magazine (which is delivered to 20,000 homes) and now plans to develop the project consultation further. By distributing questionnaires to residents, schools, and other stakeholders in each of the wards where the parks are located, consultation focuses on current play site usage, potential areas for improvement, issues, and concerns.

To ensure as wide a range of engagement as possible, the council also offer a range of face-to-face workshops in local schools and nurseries during term time, in the evening at community centres, and in parks at weekends. These workshops promote group discussion and allow participants to make wish lists on post-it notes.

<p>Expected growth – location, size and timing of development sites. What impact would these have on your community needs?</p>	<p>Over the next 2-3 years, if the following developments go ahead as planned there will be significant growth in the town bringing more young people to the wards where the play areas are located. It is estimated CIL monies due to FTC from these developments would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Leas Club = £82,732 2. Ingles Manor = £39,000 	
<p>Projected income – from all sources including external grants, CIL and s106 income (legal agreements attached to planning permissions).</p>	<p>FHDC Dowry FTC Reserves FTC Ward Grants</p> <p>CIL 15% of monies Y18/1200/SH = £5,144.54 Y17/1549/SH = £6,703.35 Y17/0710/SH = £6,321.30 Y18/0355/SH = £2,313.75 Y12/0980/SH = £13,376.25</p> <p>External Grants (to be applied for) £17,106</p>	<p>£100,000 £93,687 £5,348</p> <p>£33,859</p>
<p>Your investment priorities – the list of infrastructure projects to be funded in order of priority</p>	<p>It is expected that those analysing this audit will avail themselves with the work carried out by Folkestone Town Council available on our website at www.folkestone-tc.gov.uk, however, as outlined above this plan focuses primarily on prioritising the refurbishment and improvement of 8 parks in Folkestone, bringing them up to an acceptable standard and making them more inclusive thus increasing the play value and provision of high quality assets for the local community during the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23.</p>	