

**To: City Executive Board**

**Date: 2 April 2015**

**Report of: Head of Leisure, Parks & Communities**

**Title of Report: Grant Allocation to South Oxford Adventure Playground**

# Summary and Recommendations

**Purpose of report**: For the City Executive Board to agree an increase of £2,500 to the 2015/2016 community and voluntary organisations (CVO’s) grant programme.

# Key decision? No

**Executive lead member:** Councillor Rowley, Board Member for Leisure Contract and Community Partnership Grants

**Policy Framework:** Oxford City CouncilCorporate Plan& Oxford Sustainable Community Strategy

**Recommendation:** That The City Executive Board approve an additional allocation of £2,500 to the CVO’s grant programme to increase the grant awarded to South Oxford Adventure Playground.

**Introduction**

1. At its meeting on the 12th February 2015 the City Executive Board approved grant allocations to community and voluntary groups for 2015/2016.
2. The grants budget is set out below:-

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| **Table 1** | **2015/16****Budget****(£)** |
|  Advice & Money Management commissioning theme | 518,379 |
| Homelessness commissioning theme  | 442,279 |
| Inclusive arts & culture commissioning theme | 255,262 |
| Community Safety commissioning theme  | 61,082 |
| Community & voluntary sector infrastructure commissioning theme  | 48,736 |
| Inclusive leisure & play for disabled children and young people commissioning theme | 15,000 |
| Open Bidding (increased by £2,500) | 104,484 |
| Small grants programme to run during the year.  | 10,732 |
|  **Total** | **£1,455,954** |

**Allocation for South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP)**

1. The report that was presented to the Board on the 12th February 2015 included a recommendation of £7,500 for SOAP.
2. At the City Executive Board meeting on the 12th March 2015 the amount awarded to SOAP was questioned by the Board Member and asked that the board reconsider the allocation and increase the award by £2,500.
3. The report presented to the Board in February allocated the full budget for the grants programme so it was not possible to amend the recommendation under the minutes.
4. This report is asking the City Executive Board to approve an increase of £2,500 to the open bidding grants programme to accommodate the increase for SOAP. This additional funding will increase the overall award to £10,000 for the organisation.

**Climate Change / Environmental Impact**

1. There is no climate change or environmental implication.

**Equalities Impact**

1. There are no equalities implications.

**Financial Impact**

1. The additional £2,500 will be funded from the 2015/2016 CVO’s grants programme by reducing the budget allocated for the small grants programme.

**Legal Impact**

1. There are no legal implications

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**List of background papers:** none