

Parks Headed Item

dlr Play Policy - update on Implementation Plan for New Playgrounds and Upgrade of existing play amenities for 2024

Programme Outline for Upgrade of Existing Playgrounds:

The redevelopment programme of the existing playgrounds in the Dundrum Electoral area is based largely on the score received on the assessments which were carried out about 12 months ago in the preparation of the dlr Play Policy 2023-2028, the lowest scoring playgrounds were

- (1) The Gallops (Glencullen /Sandyford),
- (2) Marlay Toddler Play Area (Glencullen /Sandyford)
- (3) Belarmine (Glencullen /Sandyford)

The annual independent RPII assessments were recently carried out which look specifically at the condition of the equipment and safety surfacing in terms of safe use in all our play amenities and Deerpark Playground has scored poorly and given it's age it is not feasible to spend significant funds on repairs so it will be upgraded in conjunction with the above 3 playgrounds. We have decommissioned a multi-play unit in Deerpark removed a few smaller items and have carried out a number of repairs in the interim.

The process will involve public consultation, preparation of a brief for design and build, the tender process, award of tender, lead in time to get the equipment ordered and to site, site development works and ultimately playgrounds constructed by mid 2024.

It is intended to carry out a public consultation with the national schools in the areas served by these playgrounds and adjoining residents associations over the next 4-6 weeks and progressing then to preparation of the brief and tender the projects by year end.

Programme Outline for new Play Spaces 2024:

A number of proposed new play spaces were identified in the dlr Play Policy 2023-2028. These are spread across the Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire electoral areas. The priority new play spaces in 2024 are as follows;

- (1) Simonsridge/Kilcross (Glencullen /Sandyford)
- (2) Finsbury Park (Dundrum)
- (3) Fernhill Park & Gardens (Glencullen /Sandyford)

The process will involve extensive public consultation, preparation of a brief for design and build, the tender process, award of tender, lead in time to get the equipment ordered and to site, site development works and ultimately playgrounds constructed by late 2024 (Simonsridge/Kilcross & Finsbury Park) and mid 2025 (Fernhill Park & Gardens).

It is intended to engage a specialist communications company to carry out a public consultation with the national schools, residents and communities groups (Fernhill

already complete) in late 2023 and progressing then to preparation of the brief and tender the projects by Q1 2024.