## RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK CABINET COMMITTEE

### 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION & PLANNING**

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### PROPOSALS FOR NEW PLAY AREA IN YNYSANGHARAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To consider the proposals for a new play area in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

2.1 No objections are raised to the proposals for a new play area which will be considered by the Development Control Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of Cabinet held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and the meeting of the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012, Members received proposals for the restoration of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Lido, which included creating a state of the art adventure dry play facility.
- 3.2 Following the meeting of Cabinet and the Ynysangharad War Memorial Park Committee, a full funding package has been secured for the Lido restoration project, including the new play area, and designs for the new play area have been developed.

# 4. PROPOSALS FOR NEW PLAY AREA

- 4.1 The new play area comprises of over 20 pieces of play equipment, as well as supporting elements such as benches. The play equipment ranges in scale, size and level of challenge, to appeal to children of all ages and abilities. The play area has been designed to complement and enhance the character of the wider park. The design reflects the areas local character with play features referencing local landmarks such as the Brown Lenox Chainworks and the William Edwards bridge. The equipment and materials have been carefully designed to ensure the play area complements the grade II listed Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, and also the nearby grade II listed Lido. 3D visuals of the play area, and also the equipment layout are provided in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The play area seeks to add to the offer of Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, to attract more visitors to the town and the park, and to complement the restoration of the Lido through extending the stay of visitors.
- 4.3 The proposals have been submitted in a planning application, reference number 14/0937/08, which can be viewed on the Council's website. The planning application will be considered by the Development Control Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

The link to the planning application on the Council's website is: <u>https://planning.rctcbc.gov.uk/online-</u> <u>applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=\_RHOND\_DCA</u> <u>PR\_46289</u>

4.4 The new play area is in addition to the existing play area in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, which includes play equipment pieces including a zip wire, and will be an additional facility, not a replacement.

## 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The proposals for the new play area are an important part of the wider Lido restoration project, will provide a facility of the highest quality in Ynysangharad War Memorial Park, and will attract more visitors to Pontypridd.
- 5.2 The proposals for the new play area are to be considered by the Development Control Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, and thus it is advised that there are no objections to this development.

## APPENDIX 1 – PLAY AREA VISUALS AND LAYOUT





