

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

**MEMBER SCRUTINY ITEM REQUEST – NON-PROVISION OF IMPROVED FACILITIES,
SENSORY GARDEN, PROMENADE PARK, MALDON**

BRIEFING NOTE

1. The purpose of this note is to provide an update to the Committee on those matters previously considered by the Working Group.
2. Since the matter was considered by the Working Group the improvement project will be delivered in to phases:
Phase 1 – to install the replacement play equipment by autumn 2024
Phase 2 – to deliver the balance of the scheme during 2025/26 subject to public and Member engagement on a revised scheme that meets the current budget provision of £93,000.
3. Through external funding the Council now has £93k of capital available to ensure completion of the remainder of the sensory play garden scheme, over and above the replacement equipment.
4. The project is a historic project previously approved, with funding currently in the 2024/25 capital programme for phase 1, and then for the remainder of the project to be delivered in 2025/26 following engagement on the revised scheme.
5. The project will be monitored and reported on through the Council's Project Management Office, and an appropriate communication plan will be in place to ensure that Members and the public are kept informed of progress.
6. The Committee is **recommended** to note this update by way of assurance on the planned delivery of this project.

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