



<b>Committee</b>	Assets and Services
<b>Month</b>	February 2022
<b>Report Title</b>	Refurbishment of Anglo-American Play Area and new Splash Park
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### Summary

It was previously agreed by Committee to progress with Anglo-American Play Area equipment refurbishments and to consider installing a water play / splash park in Saffron Walden, per minute reference A&S 087-21.

The Working Group, made up of both Cllrs and Officers have since met to discuss the project and how it should progress and the following has been agreed:

- The playground at the Anglo-American Playing Fields and Little Walden are due for refurbishment and the Town Council will therefore be upgrading and providing new equipment.
- Installing a Splash Park aligns with the adopted Council priorities. Various locations were considered by the Working Group and following extensive consideration and thought, the Group agreed that Anglo-American Playing Field would be best suited for this project. It was further identified that a splash park at Anglo-American would enhance the play area generally and benefits of scale could be achieved in combining two projects (ie new play area and splash park).
- A four-week consultation has launched (closing 21<sup>st</sup> March) and the aim is to understand the likes and dislikes from users of the current play area to see how it can be improved and whether the idea of a splash park is well received.
- Services providers will also be contacted to ensure if a splash park could be facilitated at Anglo-American or not.
- An expression of interest is also due to be published on contract finder for both the Splash Park and Play area refurbishments as these could be incorporated into one project or separate.
- Once the four-week consultation has closed, the results will be analysed and presented to the working group. These results will help evidence any future decisions when progressing this project.

### Officer Recommendation

To note the attached report and please share the consultation among residents once live.