

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF**



LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

14th September 2026

REPORT OF THE CLERK

PROPOSED REVAMP OF WOODLANDS UPPER PLAY AREA

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to inform Members of the proposed revamp of Woodland Upper Play Area to create a modern, safe and inclusive facility that can be used by children and young people from across the community.
- 1.2 The proposal is particularly important because Woodlands Lower Play Area is no longer considered suitable to meet the needs of the community, meaning that Woodlands Upper provides an opportunity to create a high-quality play facility that can cater for everyone
- 1.3 Woodlands Upper has the potential to become the main play facility serving the Woodlands and wider Llantwit Fardre community.
Rather than having two play areas that do not adequately meet modern needs, investment in Woodlands Upper could create one comprehensive, well-designed facility suitable for a broad range of children and families.
- 1.4 The aim should be to create a play area that caters for:
 - Toddlers and younger children.
 - Primary-school-aged children.
 - Older children and young people.
 - Children with disabilities and additional needs.
 - Parents, carers and grandparents.
 - Families from across the surrounding community

2. PROPOSED VISION AND QUOTATIONS RECEIVED

2.1 The redevelopment could include separate but connected play zones, allowing younger and older children to enjoy equipment appropriate to their age.

Possible features could include:

- Modern climbing and adventure equipment.
- Swings suitable for different ages and abilities.
- Slides and multi-play units.
- Toddler and junior play areas.
- Inclusive play equipment.
- Accessible routes and suitable safety surfacing.
- Seating for parents and carers.
- Areas that encourage imaginative and social play.
- Natural play and landscaping features.
- Improved fencing and entrances.
- Bins and other facilities to support cleanliness.
- Appropriate signage.

2.1 The Final designs from each of the contractors can be found at Appendices 1 and 2 for Members consideration along with an in-depth explanation of each proposed plan including pros and cons.

3. Costings

The quotations received for the proposed redevelopment of Woodlands Upper Play Area are as follows:

Contractor Quotation

Contractor 1 **£21,000 +VAT**

Contractor 2 **£40,148 +VAT**

Members are asked to consider the proposed designs and associated costs when determining the preferred option for the redevelopment of Woodlands Upper Play Area.

If Member of the Leisure and Amenities Committee wish to proceed with the revamp, Members are asked to agree which company they wish to recommend to Full Council to proceed with.

4. Consultation with Local Residents

4.1 As part of the proposed redevelopment, it is recommended that consultation is undertaken with residents whose properties directly back onto or are immediately adjacent to Woodlands Upper Play Area.

4.2 The views of these residents should be considered as part of the final process, recognising that the redevelopment may have an impact on neighbouring properties. Consultation should provide residents with an opportunity to comment on matters including:

- The proposed location and height of fencing.
- Security and access arrangements.
- Noise and potential disturbance.
- Landscaping and planting along the boundary.
- The positioning and design of play equipment.
- Lighting, if proposed.
- Measures to prevent balls and other items entering neighbouring properties.
- General maintenance, cleanliness and management of the facility.
- Any other concerns or suggestions residents may wish to raise.

4.3 Residents' feedback should be considered alongside the needs of children, young people, parents, carers and the wider community. Where reasonably practicable, appropriate measures should be incorporated into the final design to minimise any potential impact on neighbouring properties.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 That the Leisure and Amenities Committee recommend Full Council that they support in principle a full revamp of Woodlands Upper Play Area.

5.2 Recognise that Woodlands Lower is no longer suitable to provide the level of play provision required by the community

5.3 Agree to consult with resident who live in the vicinity of the play area before the work commencement

5.4 Recommend to full council the relevant company to proceed with

5.5 Agree to recommend that the funding be taken from Play Park equipment Budget and EMR for Playpark equipment budget headings as per play area 5-year plan.

5.6 Receive a further report at a future meeting on progress if agreed.