Appendix 1-Prioritising Sites:

The 11 sites which were originally approved for play areas to be developed in 2010-11 were taken from a list of 98 potential sites suggested through a citywide public consultation. All these sites were evaluated by the Environment Directorate Parks Team on the basis of a number of criteria including local deprivation and child poverty, healthy weight issues, anti-social behaviour and the viability of the site for a challenging, quality, natural play area to be developed (see Appendix 6 for details?).

On the basis of these criteria the 11 sites approved were prioritised as follows:

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| **Rank** | **Site** | **Location (Ward - Neighbourhood - Locality)** |
| 1st | Peel Park (Little Hulton) | Little Hulton > Little Hulton & Walkden > West |
| 2nd | Ordsall Park | Ordsall > Ordsall & Langworthy > Central |
| 3rd | Winton Park | Winton > Eccles > South |
| 4th | Princes Park | Cadishead > Irlam & Cadishead > South |
| 5th | Boothsbank Park | Boothstown & Ellenbrook > Worsley & Boothstown > West |
| 6th | Moorside Park | Swinton North > Swinton > North |
| 7th | Brookhouse Playing Fields | Winton > Eccles > South |
| 8th | Clowes Park | Higher Broughton > East Salford > Central |
| 9th | Eccles Recreation Ground | Eccles > Eccles > South |
| 10th | Clifton Country Park | Pendlebury > Swinton > North |
| 11th | Light Oaks Park | Claremont > Claremont & Weaste > Central |

As above, to date, design work has been undertaken across the 11 sites to the value of £32,697 and the 11 potential developments have progressed to varying degrees.

If we were to prioritise sites on the basis of how much progress has been made on these developments so far - and so how viable it is for us to take these developments to completion within the 31 March 2011 deadline - they would be ranked as follows:

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| **Rank** | **Venue** | **Status** | **Cost of work to date** |
| 1st | Eccles Rec. Ground | Consultation completed and design prepared and costed | £4,808.00 |
| 2nd | Princes Park | Consultation completed and design prepared | £3,187.00 |
| 3rd | Moorside Park | Consultation completed and design prepared | £3,075.00 |
| 4th | Ordsall Park | Consultation completed and design prepared | £4,083.00 |
| 5th | Clowes Park | Consultation completed and design prepared | £3,075.00 |
| 6th | Peel Park (Little Hulton) | Consultation completed and design prepared | £4,307.00 |
| 7th | Boothsbank Park | Consultation completed and design prepared - concerns raised by local ward Councilor regarding proposals | £3,075.00 |
| 8th | Clifton Country Park | Consultation completed and initial design work done  | £2,287.00 |
| 9th | Brookhouse Playing Fields | Consultation completed and initial design work done | £1,650.00 |
| 10th | Winton Park | Consultation completed and initial design work done | £1,650.00 |
| 11th | Light Oaks Park | Consultation completed and initial design work done | £1,500.00 |

The work done (and associated costs) to consult and develop proposals for sites which are not taken forward through this programme at this time should not necessarily be considered lost or wasted where there is the potential for this work to contribute to developments which may take place either this year or in the near future utilising other funding.

We have been advised by colleagues in the Environment Directorate that during the period of uncertainty, while this funding was being reviewed by the Department for Education, proposals were developed to deliver alternative facilities on a number of these priority sites utilising other funding.

In many cases these proposals are building on the consultation and initial design work which was undertaken through the Playbuilder programme and will fulfil many of the same needs as Salford’s Playbuilder brief was designed to address: providing healthy, active, inclusive outdoor play which will be sufficiently challenging to appeal to older children. Details of these potential alternative developments are as follows:

**Winton Park:** The Playbuilder consultation contributed to the design of a larger scheme developed for this site to be funded from alternative Council funding which has already been approved. Our Environment Directorate colleagues advise that all Winton ward Councillors were consulted about this scheme and were supportive.

**Clifton Country Park:** £57,000 of Section 106 funding had been identified and secured to develop additional facilities at Clifton Country Park. The Salford Ranger Service are leading on these proposals which are to be informed by the outcomes from our Playbuilder consultation and will include substantial outdoor climbing facilities which will delivery the objectives of an exciting, active, natural play experience that appeals to and challenges older children.

**Ordsall Park :** Our Environment Directorate colleagues have identified £300,000 of Section 106 funding which needs to be spent on facilities in the vicinity of Ordsall Park. Proposals for a large development in Ordsall Park, incorporating the outcomes of the Playbuilder consultation, is under development to utilise this funding in line with the local Community Action Plan and Salford’s Greenspace Strategy. These proposals are due to be submitted shortly to the Strategic Director for Sustainable Regeneration and the appropriate Lead Member. **Boothsbank Park:** Our Environment Directorate colleagues have advised us that a petition has been received requesting the installation of a skateboard facility in the local Boothstown area to provide outdoor play facilities for older children. A proposed location, a playing field adjacent to Boothsbank Park, has been agreed in principle with the local ward Councillors subject to consultation. 207 people signed the petition which was led by a 13 year old boy.

Additionally, one of the Boothstown ward Councillors had expressed concerns about the design developed for the Playbuilder play area, when this programme was halted by the government, and these remain unresolved.

In light of all the above we recommend the Lead Member authorise for the following 6 sites to be developed using the reduced Playbuilder 2010-11 capital allocation before 31 March 2011:

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