



NEWS RELEASE

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Good News for Children and Young People in Derby

Children and young people in Derby are celebrating the news today that they are to receive £613,710 from the Big Lottery to deliver new and exciting play projects.

Funding was available to all Local Authorities and District Councils to improve play provision and in Derby, partners were brought together through Derby City Partnership to put their successful bid together. A range of activities were developed that will make a positive change to play provision in Derby.

Projects approved by the Big Lottery include a play ranger service and a mobile climbing wall, replacing the paddling pool at Chaddesden Park with an exciting combination of sprays, jets and fountains, inclusive play sessions for children with additional needs and replacing six playgrounds in Sinfin, Chaddesden and Alvaston with exciting and adventurous play areas.

It is estimated that around 16,000 children and young people across the city will benefit from these new play activities over the three years. Work on all of the projects will start between March and June 2008 and all of the activities will be free of charge.

Councillor Alan Graves, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services and Chair of the Derby Play Partnership, said "This is really

good news. It is important that we provide more and better opportunities for children to undertake exercise in an enjoyable way. Receiving our full allocation from the Big Lottery will enable us to make some significant improvements to the facilities we currently provide and to introduce a number of new facilities.”

Councillor Sara Bolton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said “I am delighted that the successful bid includes funding for specialised play leaders. It is important that we are able to provide play opportunities for children who have additional needs or who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.”

Helen Osler, Director of Derby City Partnership added, “This funding will support four creative projects that take into account children’s very different needs. We really look forward to engaging children and their families in some exciting and innovative activities over the next three years.”

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NOTE FOR NEWS EDITORS

The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of all National Lottery good cause funding across the UK. The Fund aims to enable others to make real improvements to the lives of disadvantaged people and the wellbeing of communities, through fair and open funding of people, projects and programmes.

Derby City Partnership is a body that works to create a safe, healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for the people of Derby through shared vision and leadership.

Members represent

- public services
- local businesses
- community and voluntary groups
- individuals who live or work in Derby.

Since 1995, Derby City Partnership has been working to:

- develop closer and better working between organisations
- improve services and facilities
- attract funding

- make best use of all resources
- bring the work of all partnerships in the city together.

Since 2002 it has been the Local Strategic Partnership for the city.

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