

Annex B – Section 75 Amendments to the Draft Play Strategy

Key Aims of the Strategy - *“To support all children and young people to be able to engage in both fixed and non-fixed play opportunities that meet their developmental needs”.*

Action Plan (new Action 5.3 - Inclusive Play Area Review) – *“Conduct a review of all play areas identifying the types of inclusive play equipment available by location. Once complete make information available for access by parents of children with disabilities”.*

Section 7.7 ‘Accessible Play Areas’ – *emphasis on “working to ensure that that fixed play opportunities are available for children of all abilities, including those with complex needs”.*

Section 8.4 ‘Play Pods’ – *additional emphasis “for example all ability play pods”.*

Appendix A ‘Play Policy Context’ – *reference to additional Articles of the UN Convention on Rights of the Child (Articles 23 and 12); and reference to additional Articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Articles 7, 9 and 3):*

- *“Article 23: Focuses on the right of children with disabilities and states that disabled children have the right to dignity, self-reliance and active participation in the community.*
- *Article 12: Focuses on the right of children and young people to have an opinion and to be able to express their views on matters and issues that concern them. Their age, maturity and ability should be taken into account, and if necessary, they should receive support to express their views.*

In addition to the UNCRC, consideration has been given to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), in particular:

- *Article 7: Children with disabilities have the right of full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms on an equal basis with other children*
- *Article 9: People with disabilities have the right to equal access to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, facilities and services*
- *Article 3: People with disabilities have the right to equal access to play, recreation, and sporting and leisure activities”.*

Appendix I ‘Design Brief’ – *Section 2.4 ‘core components of effective play space design’ additional reference to accessibility/inclusion considerations:*

“If fixed equipment is in place it should be multi-functional and accessible to all abilities for example supported high back swings with harness, slides wide enough for two people to use with ramp access etc. Whilst specialised equipment is not always needed on every site, consideration should be given to its incorporation at larger scale and destination play areas with a view to meeting the play needs of children and young people with complex needs”.