

7. KIDSFIRST KINDERGARTEN BELFAST

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a request for further funds for completion of the landscaping of the adventure playground built at Kidsfirst Kindergarten Belfast.

The Board may recall a request from the Kindergarten in April 2002 to help fund the adventure playground. The Board contributed \$2500 to the project. The kindergarten estimated the project to cost \$15,000 in total, of which they fundraised and made applications to other organisations for funds.

The Kindergarten have now approached Myra Barry with a request for funds to buy plants to complete the landscaping around the new playground. The Parks and Waterways Advocate has provided costings from the Council Nursery for the plants specified. The total comes to \$688.70.

This request fits in with the Board's current 2002/03 Objectives "To maintain and enhance our clean green natural environment" and 'provide more habitat for bird-life in our community'.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$688.70 from 2002/03 Discretionary Funds to the Kidsfirst Kindergarten Belfast, and that the Kindergarten liaise with the Parks and Waterways Advocate to purchase the selected plants from the Council Nursery.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That this application be referred to the Community Development Funding Committee for consideration.