

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 OCTOBER 2010

Amendment to Motion G (2010/11)

**(Amendments are shown in bold & italics)**

This Council Notes:

- The Coalition's decision to suspend the uncommitted part of the £235 million Playbuilder budget intended to create and improve 3,500 play sites across England.
- The successful completion of the first stage of the Playbuilder programme, improving and creating 11 sites in Haringey.
- The suspension of £497,000 which puts the implementation of a further 11 play sites that have been identified in jeopardy.
- Haringey's Play Strategy which aims to meet play and learning needs of our children and young people.
- The Local Development Framework's recognition that there is a shortage of play facilities in the borough.
- The Council has written to Secretary of State Michael Gove to reconsider his position on suspending this funding.

This Council Believes:

- Children Learn through play.
- In the importance of good quality, accessible play facilities to improve quality of life of children and families in Haringey.
- This decision will affect children across the borough, and deprive them of important developmental opportunities.
- Accessible play spaces contribute to the Council's efforts to tackle childhood obesity
- Funding for improving and creating play facilities is not a 'soft cut' – It is a priority for local families and communities
- In the importance of reclaiming community spaces and providing a safe outdoor environment for children.

This Council Resolves:

- To continue to lobby the Government to return the funding back to Haringey to ensure successful completion of all 11 projects.
- **To commit to use its capital funding for new playgrounds regardless of the decision by government to improve Haringey's playgrounds**
- **To seek alternative public or private investment to improve play facilities.**

Propose: Cllr Rachel Allison  
Second: Cllr Katherine Reece