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Title: Report Item 9: Play Area Payments

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Purpose of Report: To provide details of installation options for the ordered play area equipment.

Recommendations: To determine the appropriate installation timing for the equipment and **APPROVE** the related payment arrangements

The October PCM approved the acquisition of equipment from Proludic for the Play Area on the recreation ground. This is Phase I of the play area upgrade project. An order has now been placed for Phase I and the kit is likely to arrive in the UK (from France) late November or early December.

The total quoted cost is £34,500 made up of £22,905 for the manufacturing of the equipment and £11,595 for the installation, safe surface areas, ground work and landscaping.

Following discussions with Proludic there are currently two delivery (and hence payment) options:-

a) delivery of kit to the UK, then stored by Proludic and delivered and installed on site during Q1 or Q2 2018: £22,905 will be payable when the kit arrives in the UK, and £11,595 after satisfactory installation

b) delivery of kit to the UK, then installed on site as soon reasonably practicable (in 2017); full payment after satisfactory installation.

Initially, option a) was preferred owing to the PC's earlier forecast cash position and the timing of possible grant funding. Option a) is included in the current draft Budget paper with payment in Q2 2018.

The supplier is keen to know which option we would like as they need to make necessary arrangements (installation or storage then installation)

Views are sought on the current two options; together with the **APPROVAL** of related payment arrangements.
