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**To the Chairperson and members of the  
South East Area Committee**

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**Re: Update on the Renewal of the Playground in Belgrave Park**

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As part of the 2021 City-wide Parks Playground Renewal Programme the children's playground in Belgrave Square Park was selected for upgrading in the South East Area. This is a continuation of the annual playground works programme to ensure high quality, imaginative play areas for all playgrounds throughout the city and which in recent years included the upgrading of playgrounds in Ringsend Park, Tranquilla Park and Eamonn Ceannt Park.

The new Playground Framework Tender gives a high allocation of marks for both playground design and playground equipment. Playgrounds are also required to be inclusive and accessible as possible, in keeping with international best practice and our Play Strategy and Policy documents.

The winning design, submitted by KOMPAN Ireland, successfully integrated existing play features with new play items. Increased the 'footprint' to cater for the high numbers who regularly use this facility, while also ensuring it is sufficiently far away from nearby residences so as to minimise noise levels. The Design incorporates existing park trees thus creating an opportunity for child led nature play and enhancing the overall play value of the site.

I have attached copies illustrating the layout of the winning design and the new play items being proposed. The Play Development Officer will visit local schools over the coming weeks to discuss the proposal with the children and it is anticipated that work will commence on this project by mid-March and will be completed by mid-May 2022.

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