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An improved public realm can play a significant role in curbing climate change impacts by reducing urban temperatures and improving connections between green infrastructure

Urban green spaces are often taken for granted, yet they are the lungs that enable towns and cities to breathe. They give a sense of identity and are often our most valuable resource - a natural infrastructure as important as roads or sewers.

They also happen to be a key battleground as climate change takes effect. According to the UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP), the 20th century represented the warmest 100 years in the past millennium. In that time, temperatures rose 0.6 degsC and the 1990s were the warmest decade.

UKCIP predicts that by 2080 temperatures will rise by 3 degsC in winter and 5 degsC in summer. Annual rainfall will drop by up to 50 per cent in summer and increase by up to 30 per cent in winter. The number of winter depressions will increase from around five a year to eight by 2080, making storms and gales more likely. All of this will have serious consequences for green spaces.

Read the full article at <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/bulletins/Planning-Resource-Daily-Bulletin/InDepth/837800/Park-life/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

The first details of government's proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) have been published.

The DCLG says the CIL, which it confirmed is to be introduced from next year, will not result in any "big bang" change for the development industry. It is the first CIL policy information to be published by the DCLG. It says charges could be reviewed and revised if economic circumstance change, or may be automatically linked to economic indicators such as the rate of inflation. The government says it will continue to explore the case for allowing variable rates within one charging schedule. It also says CIL should only be levied where there is a genuine infrastructure need to support development of an area. It wants decisions to levy a CIL to go hand-in-hand with a considered approach to infrastructure planning.

Read the full article at <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/bulletins/Planning-Resource-Daily-Bulletin/News/837121/Community-Infrastructure-Levy-details-revealed/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

Planning obligations worth some £4 billion were negotiated by councils in 2005/06, research by a Sheffield university team has found.

It said this was 57 per cent higher than in 2003/04, the previous year the team studied. Team leader professor Tony Crook expected that around £3 billion of this sum would be delivered, since some projects would be delayed or abandoned. With these figures, the estimated value of affordable housing planning obligations agreed rose from £1.2 billion to £2 billion over the two year period, and those for non-housing work, mainly infrastructure, from £700,000 to £1billion.

Read the full article at <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/bulletins/Planning-Resource-Daily-Bulletin/News/837133/S106-agreements-secure-4bn/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

Meeting Targets Through Transport

This booklet (3 Mb) has been produced by the Department for Transport in conjunction with Sustrans, Campaign for Better Transport and the Local Government Association. It is designed to help local authorities when planning and delivering local transport schemes within their community.

Download the booklet at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/results?view=Filter&t=Meeting+Targets+through+Transport&pg=1>

Treswell Celebrates Securing New Heart For Village Life

The residents of Treswell in Nottinghamshire will be cracking open the bubbly even though they have no village pub after receiving a £275,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund to replace their decrepit 150 year old village hall which serves as the community hub. The Treswell Community Hall project has secured the money from the Fund's Community Buildings programme, which is today making 13 awards worth a total of £3,590,956 for bricks and mortar investments in village halls and community centres across England. The new building, which will benefit over 200 villagers, will take ten months to complete.

BIG Lottery Fund Award

East Northamptonshire

Across the East Northamptonshire district children and young people can look forward to a host of new opportunities for fun play, with the award today of a £200,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund for Play 4 All. More than 1,000 children will benefit from the award, part of the Big Lottery Fund's multi-million Children's Play programme, which today is awarding a total of over one million pounds across the East Midlands. The £200,000 award to East Northamptonshire Council will enable Play 4 All to provide new toys, sport and creative play sessions for under sevens and also young people from between 13 and 18 years old. The Rural Pursuit play project will ensure that youngsters living in rural and more isolated areas will not be forgotten and the Urban Challenge play project will cater for children and young people in the district's larger towns. Leading the fun will be an energetic and dedicated team of play rangers.

Amber Valley

Amber Valley children will soon be making a splash in a revamped paddling pool and enjoying new and improved play areas with a lottery grant worth almost £250,000. The grant is awarded by the Big Lottery Fund as part of its multi-million pound Children's Play programme, which today is announcing an investment of over one million pounds across the East Midlands. The £243,725 award to Amber Valley Borough Council will fund three Amber Valley Play projects. The majority of the grant will enable a new flagship play area to be created in Alfreton Park and a games area and new play equipment will also be on offer for children of all ages at Cray Hills Recreation Ground. It will also mean splashing fun for younger children as an existing paddling pool in Heanor is improved to provide an innovative water play area.

Melton

A new BMX ramp and skateboard half-pipe is set to get things on track for children and young people across Melton, funded by a Big Lottery Fund award of £200,000. The grant is awarded by the Big Lottery Fund as part of its multi-million pound Children's Play programme, which today is awarding over one million pounds across the East Midlands. The £200,000 grant to Melton Borough Council aims to give 2,000 children and young people much-

needed areas where they can have fun outdoors and enjoy the twists and turns of skate boarding and BMX biking. The grant will fund three play projects in total and as well as the skateboard and BMX ramp and half-pipe, children will have new multi-use games areas where they can enjoy a range of sports and games and a resurfaced playground for younger children. With the new and improved play areas and by working closely with local voluntary groups and football teams, the council hopes to encourage more children and young people to take part in more outdoor sports.

North Kesteven

Play will soon take to the road for kids living in rural areas of North Kesteven with a Big Lottery Fund grant of £200,000. The grant awarded to North Kesteven District Council, will see a specially adapted Play Bus bring fun and games to children right across the district. The three-year funding from BIG's Children's Play programme will also be used to employ a play worker who will put together a series of fun activities during school holidays and help run the Play Bus more regular sessions.

Rutland

Children in Rutland will soon be getting their skates on as a lottery grant of £200,000 is being awarded to fund two play projects, including a mobile skateboard ramp. The grant is awarded by the Big Lottery Fund as part of its multi-million Children's Play programme, which today is investing over one million pounds across the East Midlands. The £200,000 award to Rutland County Council will fund the council's Space 2 Play In Rutland, including the Mobile Play in Rutland project that will reach the most rural parts of the county, bringing with it a mobile skateboard ramp. It will also make possible a series of Lets Celebrate play days that will give children and young people the opportunity to join in a wide range of free play activities. The projects will increase the amount of free play activities for over 8,000 children and young people across Rutland and provide new toys, play leaders and transport to play day venues. They will also be invited to have their say on the type of activities they do and to get involved in the design of the play projects.

Events

Growing Up Outdoors - 3 December 2008, The Oval, London

The Countryside Recreation Network presents a landmark conference to explore the benefits and the challenges in encouraging children and young people to be active in the outdoors. This conference will consider how adults can overcome some of their own anxieties about children using the outdoors and how young people can discover that you don't need to be Ray Mears to experience the outdoors.

See attached flyer for more details.

Green show to boost economy & tackle climate change

Groups and companies from across the East Midlands are being invited to take part in a major green showcase. The East Midlands Regional Assembly is staging EXPO 2008, Acting on Climate Change, on 19 November 2008. EXPO is a free event, open to all, to promote a low carbon economy and help people network with experts in the field.

See attached flyer for more details.

East Midlands regional green space news:

Derbyshire:

[New jogging and walking group every Tuesday from 19 August at Swadlincote Woodlands from 5.30 pm until 6.30 pm](#)

[National Play Day was a major success in South Derbyshire](#)

[Midsummer Night's Dream at Rosliston Forestry Centre's The Glade in The Forest](#)
[Chesterfield Borough Council - Play area a hit with youngsters](#)

Nottinghamshire:

[VIP guest at Gedling Play Day](#)

Lincolnshire:

[Consultation Cemetery](#)

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