

Children to get 20 playgrounds

by Bethan Dorsett

CHILDREN from across the borough will benefit from the creation of more than 20 new play areas.

More than £1.1m from the government will be used to create the facilities in areas ranging from Partington and Sale Moor to Stretford and Broomwood.

The first play areas to be built by March next year will be at Bramhall, Woodsend, Nansen, Cross Lane, Broomwood, Weathercock, Oak Road, Kingsway, Moss and Longford parks.

Twenty-three play areas in Trafford will eventually be created under the PlayBuilder scheme.

Christine Turner, Conservative councillor for supporting children and families, said: "These new play areas will provide children with great opportunities to climb, run, relax and enjoy chilling out with friends in attractive, pleasant environments."

Victoria Park will be one of the 23 to benefit.

Shelly Quinton-Hulme, chairman of the Stretford park's Friends group, said:



DELIGHTED: Shelly Quinton-Hulme, chairman of Friends of Victoria Park

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"We are delighted to be one of the chosen sites.

"We worked hard as a group on our bid application and can't wait to see the outcome when it is delivered.

"We consulted with the local community last summer and a natural play area on a piece of disused land within the park was the con-

census.

"We hope that the next stages of consultation ensures that the eight to 13 year olds this scheme is aimed at get exactly what they want, and that it will be of benefit to the whole community of Stretford."

Stretford and Urmston's Labour MP, Bev Hughes, sup-

ports the government scheme and said the investment was 'fantastic news'.

"These new facilities will be very welcome," she said.

"Thanks to the government, play facilities in our parks will be rejuvenated starting with these 10 and increasing to 23 parks across Trafford."