

To note results of Annual Play Area Inspection and agree actions

Council Meeting – 6 June 2023

Background

The Play Inspection Company undertook an Annual Play Inspection. The report was received on 27 April 2023.

Annual inspections take into consideration compliance with current standards and defects related to wear and vandalism.

All inspections are non-dismantling, non-destructive and do not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments.

The inspector accesses all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface.

The details contained within the report are a snapshot of the condition at the time of inspection only and subsequent events may affect the condition of the facility.

Suggested remedial actions are based on the knowledge and experience of the inspector and/or that of the inspection company.

The total risk scores included the report are a multiplication factor of the calculated Likelihood and Severity of each finding. Both Likelihood and Severity are given a number between 1 - 5 as shown on the matrix above and these two numbers are then multiplied together to give the total risk score that is shown against defects on the report.

Overview

There were 3 findings classified as Moderate Risk, as follows:

- Part of the timber on the structure has rotted and it is recommended to be replaced (Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior) Finding 23)
- Part of the timber on the structure has rotted and it is recommended to be replaced (Activity Equipment - Multi Play (Junior) Finding 24)
- The backboard to the basketball hoop is severely damaged and is recommended to be replaced (MUGA Finding 4)

All others were classified as Low or Very Low Risk.

Proposal

Actions fall into two categories, Contractor and Handyperson Group (see attached schedule).

The following items were identified in previous years but their condition has deteriorated to the extent that action is now recommended:

- some areas of safety surfacing
- basket swing
- backboard to the basketball hoop

Recommendations

Prices are obtained from contractors (eg Vita Play and Ava Recreation) for:

- replace two rotted timber posts (photos pages 38 and 39)
- resecure protective cladding under slide (photo page 40)
- reinstate area of rubber safety surfacing at bottom of slide (photo page 41)
- install new rubber safety surfacing to flat swings
- install new rubber safety surfacing to basket swing
- replace basket swing to existing structure
- replace one cradle swing seat (photo page 77)
- replace basketball hoop and backboard
- tighten loose and replace missing fence bolts (photos pages 82 and 84).

Handyperson Group to monitor support chains to various play equipment and report when 40% worn (photos pages 67 and 70).

Cllr Leigh-Jones to replace missing caps (photos pages 29 and 64) and tighten loose nuts and bolts (photo page 69).