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Report number **F&GP/21/22**

To Hythe Town Council
Date **10 November 2022**
Status **Non Exempt**
Responsible officer **Town Clerk**

Subject **PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE F&GP/21/22**

SUMMARY: This report provides information on the completed playground repairs and current works for the repairs of the outdoor gym equipment at Reachfields and repainting of the play equipment at Peregrine Close.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:-

- a) The Council is committed to control and manage its financial affairs in accordance with The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) guidelines.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note the report **F&GP/21/22**
2. To appoint a contractor to repaint the play equipment at Peregrine Close
3. To delegate any further repair or refurbishment works to the Town Clerk subject to Financial Regulations 4.1.2 and 4.5.1

INTRODUCTION

Playground Maintenance

Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) Grounds maintenance team are contracted to make weekly inspections on all Hythe Town Council (HTC) Playgrounds. A more thorough inspection is also conducted by Wicksteed Playgrounds on an annual basis. The Finance and Project Officer along with the Pavilion Caretaker have also taken basic training in Playground Inspections so that they can ensure that any maintenance issues are confirmed, and risk assessed. Following this, under delegated powers, the Town Clerk ensures that any repair works are completed swiftly to avoid any risks to the public.

Below is a list of recent works;

Reachfields

Gym Equipment - Repairs were required and quotes were obtained. The supplier of the equipment has been instructed to make the necessary repairs as some of the equipment was non-functional at a cost of £827 plus vat. This will be costed to the Playground Equipment Repairs cost centre.



Outdoor gym equipment at Reachfields

Hythe Green Playground

The crawling tunnel play equipment had seven missing timber logs, shingle scattered around the equipment and the green turf surface damaged. The council's grounds maintenance contract with Folkestone & Hythe District Council includes maintenance of the playground surfacing. Following the request to the district to carry out the repairs, they have provided the supplies and repairs of the crawling tunnel play equipment at Hythe Green playground at no extra cost.

The team basket swing and one of the flat swings were both damaged this year and needed to be removed to prevent further damages. Both equipment were sent to Folkestone & Hythe District Council to investigate if they were able to repair, unfortunately the parts that needed to be replaced are out of stock, no further updates have been received from the District Council. It is likely both equipment will need to be newly replaced, the Finance and Projects officer is gathering quotes for the replacement.

Crawling Tunnel at Hythe Green



Before



Now



Basket swing and one flat swing removed

Peregrine Close

Three quotes have been gathered from three contractors for the repainting of the play equipment at Peregrine Close. The play equipment is in need of new paint. This will be costed to the Playground Equipment Repairs cost centre.



Peregrine Close play equipment



Listed works to be done:

- Allow to cone off area of equipment to be decorated
- Allow to clean and rub down areas of equipment ready to be decorated
- Allow to apply paint to all areas of the equipment in colours to best match the existing
- Allow to keep area taped and coned off for the duration of the planned works and remove on completion
- On completion leave site clean and tidy

About the Contractors and Quote Price

Contact A - £1,365 plus vat

A family owned business since inception, representing the combined talents of 60 highly experienced staff. Their core values lie at the heart of our success and fully embrace our commitment to treating customers fairly and honestly.

Contact B - £1,320 plus vat

Carries out maintenance, refurbishment, alteration and new build projects throughout Kent. Directly employ all trades and operate a Building Department and a Painting Department. They carry out projects up to a million pounds in value in the Commercial, Education, Healthcare, Historic and Housing sectors. They work closely with clients providing a reliable service and consistently high standard of workmanship which has ensured much repeat business.

Contractor C - £1,075 plus vat

This Kent based decorator with over 15 years' experience. Covering all aspects of decorating. Previously done works for the Council.

Installation of New Play Equipment

A public consultation is currently being run on the Hythe Town Council website and in Room 5, Oaklands Building. Public consultations link below.

<https://www.hythe-tc.gov.uk/consultations/>

SUMMARY

The gym equipment at Reachfields is currently non-functional and repair works has been scheduled including works for repainting. The repainting of the play equipment at Peregrine Close is recommended as the original paint has faded.

RISK MANAGEMENT

A summary of the perceived risk follows;

Perceived Risk Council does not repair or replace play equipment, residents would not be able to use the equipment and an accident happens or the equipment becomes rusty and looks tired.

Risk High

Likelihood Low

Preventative Action Council repair play equipment.

CONTACT OFFICER

If you have any queries about this report, please contact The Town Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council

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