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Report number **F&GP/38/22**

To Hythe Town Council
Date **15 March 2023**
Status **Non Exempt**
Responsible officer **Town Clerk**

Subject **PEREGRINE CLOSE PLAYGROUND REPAIRS
F&GP/38/22**

SUMMARY: This report provides information following the recent annual playground inspection on the Peregrine Close playground. The inspection report stated numerous problems on the play equipment and recommended to be repaired.

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/38/22**
- 2. To appoint a contractor to repair the play equipment at Peregrine Close**
- 3. To cost the playground repairs from the Playground Repairs cost code**

The recent annual play inspection for Peregrine Close playground identified many problems with the current state of the play equipment. It was recommended by the inspection report to carry out repairs to prevent the users from further damaging the equipment.

The Council agreed to have the play equipment repainted as at F&GP min no. 234/22 on 24 November 2022. It would be ideal to have the necessary repairs to be carried out first and then have the play equipment repainted. The contractor chosen to repaint the equipment has agreed to wait for further notice once the repairs have been completed.

Peregrine Close Play Equipment Photos



Inspection Notes	Quote Description
Gate closes too quickly	Adjust gate closing speed to close between 4-8 seconds
OXO Barrier has been fitted upside down	Remove barrier and fit correctly
Shop barrier and seat panel are worn and damaged	Replace shop barrier and seat matching the colour of the original
Roof panels showing rot	Replace the roof panels matching the colour of the original
Platform rotting	Replace rotting platform with manufactured new platform
The surface around the area is wearing	Repair approx. 6LM of wet pour surfacing

Three quotes have been gathered from three contractors for carrying out repairs on the play equipment at Peregrine Close. This will be costed to the Playground Equipment Repairs cost centre.

About the Contractors and Quote Price

Contractor A - £2,859.46 plus vat

Leading manufacturer of outdoor playground equipment in the UK. They have a longstanding history and heritage within the playground sector, developing trusted relationships with schools, councils, holiday parks and housing developers for more than 100 years.

The Contractor did not include adjusting the gate, removing OXO barrier to fit correctly and repairing of the surfacing.

Contractor B - £3,000.00 plus vat

As a team, they have over 100 years' experience and pride themselves on their personal, hands-on service. They are proud of our enduring record of customer satisfaction and retention to many large Councils, Housing Maintenance and Associations are amongst their database of long-term clients and maintains over 800 playgrounds.

Contractor C - £5,079 plus vat

They have been designing, manufacturing, supplying and installing bespoke outdoor playground equipment for many years. They pride themselves on their comprehensive service to their valued customers, working with them from initial site visits and outdoor play area design discussions, through manufacturing to installation.

SUMMARY

The play equipment at Peregrine Close is in need of repairs, the playground has not been maintained for many years and signs of wear and rotting has occurred. For health and safety reasons, it is recommended to complete the repairs as soon as possible.

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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