

## REPORT FOR DECISION 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### Play area works plan

#### Recommendation

That the committee notes the report and instructs officers to carry out preparatory works.

#### Purpose of the Report

Following an audit of the nine play areas maintained by WTC, officers wish to alert members to the likely financial commitment over the coming years, and the effect this will have on future budget and precept.

#### Background

The council has been responsible for the play area in the Lake Pleasure Grounds since 2016. Last year leases were signed on a further 8 play areas around the town. Since taking on these play areas the council has spent money bringing them up to an acceptable level. This has included replacing safety surfaces, painting equipment and ensuring the areas comply with all relevant health and safety standards. Officers now feel it is time to begin a programme of works to replace equipment and surfaces before they become health and safety risks.

#### Findings

The Park and Open Spaces Manager and Park and Open Spaces Supervisor carried out an audit of play area equipment. The officers considered which items would need replacing within the next 3 years. These were then listed with approximate replacement costs.

See below table.

Play area	Equipment	Work to be completed	Approx cost	Priority	Photograph
The Beeches	None	2 areas of tiles to be resurfaced	1500	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_085512.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_085512.jpg</a>
	none	2x new springers to be installed	2000	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_085514.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_085514.jpg</a>
	Fence	Fence to be replaced	3000	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_085519.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_085519.jpg</a>
Heathlands	Gates and fencing	Replace fencing Timber is not good	4000	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_091052.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_091052.jpg</a>
	Bin x2	Replace two bins	750	1	
	Benches x 2	Replace two timber benches with recycled	1000	1	
Fore Street	Picnic bench	BBQ has melted - Replace	700	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_092008.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_092008.jpg</a>
	Slide	Gaps in Tiles- Re surface	4500	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_092146.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_092146.jpg</a>

Pound street	Fencing	Chainlink fencing getting older- Replace	1500	4	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_093620.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_093620.jpg</a>
The Dene	Balance log	Timber is decaying remove	500	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_094804.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_094804.jpg</a>
	Rocker	Remove timber is at the end of life	500	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_094828.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_094828.jpg</a>
	Bin	Replace	375	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_095149.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_095149.jpg</a>
	Gate	Replace with self closing gate	1000	2	
Queensway	A and B	Rubber tiles trip hazards, re surface	3000	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_100436.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_100436.jpg</a>
	A and B	Replace with multiplay	10000	3	
	Swing	Rubber surface is breaking up, replace	3000	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_100351.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_100351.jpg</a>
	Fencing	Dog walkers cross the play area, fence the other side	5000	3	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_101204.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_101204.jpg</a>
	Basket swing	Timber decay evident test and remove and replace	5000	1	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_101324.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_101324.jpg</a>
Lake Pleasure Grounds	Timber trail	At end of life needs replacing	40000	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_132231.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_132231.jpg</a>
	multiplay	Getting old needs replacing	25000	3	
	Gate	Replace main gate to Play area	5000	2	<a href="pics 16.10.20\20200916_133921.jpg">pics 16.10.20\20200916_133921.jpg</a>
	Bench	Wodden bench replace	500		

Officers used this information to draw together a proposed programme of works for the next 3 years. This will be in line with the 5-year financial plan currently being completed.

This will help the council to budget and precept for play area improvements going forward.  
See below.

<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Cost</b>
Bins	X 3	1125
Benches	1	500
Picnic bench	1	700
Balance log remove		500
Surface replacement queensway		3000
Basket swing replace with metal		5000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,825.00</b>

<b>Year 2</b>		<b>Cost</b>
Gates and Fences		5000
Re- surface		7500
Bins		375
Timber trail		40000
Replace main gate to play area		5000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£57,875</b>

<b>Year 3</b>		<b>Cost</b>
Multiplay queensway		10000
Fencing		5000
Multiplay LPG		25000
		<b>£40,000.00</b>

