

Beacon Hill pod swing frame

Project details.

Item	Details
Project / Service Title	Beacon Hill playground pod swing frame
Lead Officer / Councillor	Christian Ashdown
Key Committee / Council Date	Amenities & CIL/Full Council
Decision Required	Approve
Reason for Proposal	Annual playground inspection has marked the timber pod swing frame as high risk due to rot where the wood meets the ground surface.
Link to Council Priorities	Local environment & amenities
Who Benefits?	Residents / visitors / community groups
Proposed Start Date	To be confirmed but as soon as possible
One-off or Ongoing?	One-off

Key Considerations

Consideration	Detail / Impact
Estimated Cost	£2,900
Budget Available?	Yes - LGR running costs
Funding Source	Existing budget line
Staffing Impact	Officer time needed to administer and/or monitor
Ongoing Maintenance	Not applicable
Procurement Required?	Quote from manufacturer
Legal / Governance Issues	Not applicable
Insurance / Risk	Not applicable as swing has been decommissioned pending outcome
Health & Safety	Public safety

Equality / Accessibility	Unable to access as swing has been decommissioned pending outcome
Environmental Impact	Not applicable
Impact on Existing Services	Swing has been decommissioned pending outcome
Communications Needed	Website & social media
Partnership Working	Contractor

Additional Officer Comments

We have obtained two quotes from Playsafe, the manufacturer and installer of the equipment 15 years ago:

1. £2,835: Timber frame set into metal feet, which would prevent future decay of the wood.
2. £2,365: Timber frame set directly into the woodchip surfacing, which would not prevent future decay.

Playsafe has confirmed that if we opt for the metal feet option, the pod swing could be relocated within the playground as part of a future upgrade should Council wish to retain it.

Resolution:

The clerk be given delegated authority to instruct Playsafe to supply and install new timber frames and metal feet at a cost of £2,835, to be paid from the LGR running costs budget line.

Council / committee decision:

RESOLVED: