

Playground Maintenance Working Group Update

24 September 2022

OVERVIEW

The Playground Maintenance Working Group met on 20 July 2022 to discuss options for refurbishing/renewing the playground, and matters arising from this.

Since this meeting the independent annual safety inspection report has been received.

REFURBISHMENT OPTIONS

The Working Group considered four options:

1. Repair items where economic to do so;
Replace specific items beyond economic repair using earmarked funds;
Investigate replacement and fundraising options for remainder of items nearing end of life.
2. Cordon off all defective items;
Investigate complete replacement and fundraising options.
3. Cordon off all defective items;
Replace specific items beyond economic repair using earmarked funds;
Investigate replacement and fundraising options for remainder of items nearing end of life.
4. Repair items where economic to do so;
Investigate complete replacement and fundraising options.

It was agreed to recommend option 1 to Council.

PLAY EQUIPMENT AND PLAYGROUND RECOMMENDATIONS

NB – Since the Working Group meeting, the annual independent play inspection report has been received, which lists issues not covered below.

Agility Trail	- Short-term: repair - Long term: replace
Toddler multiplay unit	- Replace
Carousel	- Long term: replace
Toy car, plane and train	- Repair and repaint
Tunnel	- Improve padding at one entrance - Replace side shoring
Play bark – swings, toddler swings, multiplay unit	- Loosen current areas - Replenish to appropriate depth
Swinging tyre	- Remove wooden structure - Remove play surface
Picnic tables	- Replace
Boundary fence	- Repair
Cleaning	- Pressure wash where appropriate

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- To appoint a Chairperson for the Playground Maintenance Working Group.
- To approve the Clerk to advertise for people to join the Working Group.
- To approve option 1 regarding refurbishment project options, and then:
- To consider equipment and playground recommendations above and agree actions.
- To approve the Clerk to seek grants and funding for new playground equipment.
- To approve the Clerk to seek quotations for quarterly operational inspections.
- To approve the Clerk to investigate ownership of the playground entranceway.
- To approve the Clerk to check ownership of the playground land.
- To approve the Clerk to seek options and quotations for:
 - pressure washing play equipment and surfaces
 - replacement toddler multiplay unit
 - replacement agility trail
 - play bark
 - water and electricity supply for the playground
 - wall survey
 - including playground assets and walls/fence/gate on insurance
 - repair works to tunnel and entrances
 - replacement picnic tables.
- To approve in principle using earmarked reserves to purchase a replacement toddler multiplay unit.
- To approve in principle for the Working Group to investigate options for removing old equipment inhouse rather than paying contractors to undertake the removals.
- To approve the Working Group to undertake such repairs and works as the Council agrees and are within the skill level of the members of the group.