

6.4 – Briefing Paper

Children's play area and exercise maintenance schedule

For this item

1. First, we can check the recently received Outdoor Exercise Inspection Report (attached) and discuss and agree any actions required if necessary
2. Second, an update from the clerk regards ongoing works arising from the Play area inspections report
3. Third, we have a request for a motion below from Cllr Campbell – as per noted below

“To discuss the inspection and response regimes at SPC concerning both play equipment and gym equipment; with particular regard to frequency and response times, contractors retained, and the provision of pertinent and timely information to councillors”

I would suggest the most pertinent point within the context of this motion and within the information he has circulated previously, is that he is suggesting the Children's Play Area inspection regime is again enhanced to one which would be weekly, rather than the current twice a month.

This suggestion is laudable (as *Rospa* suggest a weekly regime of inspections should be carried out if possible), but also, I would urge caution – as by agreeing to this would put our expenditure in this area well over budget for next year – Probably an extra £2,400 {40weeks x £60 cost} we have so far not accounted for. – This is assuming we could find the 'skilled' cover at that cost.

In terms of the rest of the motion, could I suggest we return to it, if you agree it is relevant to do so, at our next meeting – as I would be concerned that we may otherwise run out of time at this meeting. Also this might give you some consideration time in regards to the suggested additional cost item noted above.