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LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY GOLD

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	12
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Officer's Recommendation

1. **To hire a pedestrian sweeper for cleaning the play area wet pour surfaces at a cost of £174.00 + VAT per week on a trial basis towards the end of May.**
2. **To note the team will be investigating options for a paperless reporting system for uploading inspection details and photographs more easily.**

Background

The team continues to assist in other areas of the Parks & Open Spaces Team with the emptying of public litter and dog waste bins and Graffiti.

The team have taken ownership of the hedges that are attached to the fences of the Play Areas This is up and going again as the team now have tools for the job.

The team continue to help the Office Team with the setting up of the computers and meeting room in the Council Offices for the regular bookings and assist with set up to Memory Cafe at the Bowls Club every other Wednesday.

The painting of Play Areas is governed by the weather, and this will restart over the next six months as well as hedges around Play Areas The team has also been clearing moss within the Play Areas over the last three months, this is ongoing.

Paperless Reporting System

The team would like to ask if they are able to investigate purchasing a tablet or iPad as then they will be able to add a programme to do inspections and the upload photos etc more quickly. This will save on paper and having to scan each one into the system.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been tidied up the hedges have been cut.	March/April 2024
Various	Some post and rail fences have been repaired	March/April 2024
Capes thorn Play Area	Removed the castle unit and slide, repainted and rebuilt with some new parts.	19/02/24 -17/04/24
KGV	Removed, repaired with new bearings and replaced hang spinner.	08/04/24

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout May/June 2024 to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2024/2025.

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Various Play Areas	Play Area floor repairs	This is ongoing weather permitting.
Various Play Areas	Working on any actions required from this year's annual external play area inspection.	Ongoing.
Capes Thorne Play Area	Further repairs to the surface and unit tidy up.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Brookfield Play Area	To start the climbing ramps to the side of the slide will need 2 - 3 weeks constant to get it finished	January onwards 2024
Play Areas	Completing the hedge cutting around the Play Area fences	Finish by the end of May 2024
Havisham, Voyager, Brookfield	These are the last Hedges to be cut by the team. They will all be completed by the end of May	Feb /May2024
Bus shelters	To paint the shelters and replace the Perspex	Over the next 5 months weather permitted due to painting.

Looking Forward

The team will return to repairing wet pour surfaces and will paint Play Area equipment when the weather gets warmer, and the paint is able to dry.

Shanklin Road

A request has been made from a member of the public to investigate the possibility of installing some recreation equipment in the vicinity of Shanklin Road Ventnor Close. The resident has suggested the possibility of swings and goal posts.

Any area would require public consultation, site preparation, install of equipment, install of a suitable surface and the potential of fencing the area.
There are two potential areas that the installation of equipment could take place.
Further consultation will take place and a further report brought to POST committee later in the year.

Potential areas to be considered.

