

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	6 December 2022
Report Title	Parks & Projects Report
Agenda Reference	14
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Officer's Recommendation

1. To proceed with Company A at £1,224.00 to conduct the annual play inspections for 2022/2023 to be coded to 4306/302

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 will be assisting in the street cleaning schedule.

There has been a delay in some of the projects due to the team needing to assist this spring/summer with the hedge cutting schedule. Some of the outstanding jobs require milder weather conditions, so these are planned for the spring.

The team is sorting through this year's ROSPA Inspections and have already sorted some of the mediums and low risks. The team will continue to go through it over the next few months.

Works Completed

Location	Work Completed, August / September	Date Completed
Various	Several play areas have been blown out and cleared of leaves or moss. Tree lines are being cut back from some fences.	Ongoing

Working Towards

A schedule has been drawn up throughout October/November to allow the Officers to progress with their priorities to put the team in good stead for the projects to be conducted in 2022/2023

Location	Working towards	Time Scale
Various Play Areas	Safety wet pour surface repairs	This is ongoing weather permitting.
Various Play Areas	Working on any actions required from this year's annual external play area inspection.	These are ongoing as unable to put time scale and will be put in works completed in future reports.
Capesthorne 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
Gaynor Close Play Area	Build a wet pour ramp up to the unit.	November 22

The team will be continuing with the in-house play area enhancements along with other small items on the inspections and safety wet pour surface repairs.



There are a few repairs needed within some of our play areas which are due to age of play area and its equipment. The team will investigate getting prices within this financial year's budget and provide a report to a future meeting.

Annual Play Area Inspection

Costs have been received to have the inspection carried out independently before March 2023.

Company A	£1,224.00	Used company previously, good timescales offered.
Company B	£1,198.00	Used company previously. Inspections need to be completed for invoicing this financial year. Lead time of 14-16 weeks, therefore, making payments
Company C	£1,400.00	Not used company before and they are not local so may not have local area knowledge.