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| <b>Meeting</b>          | Parks and Open Spaces                   |
| <b>Date</b>             | 2 July 2024                             |
| <b>Report Title</b>     | Head of POST Report                     |
| <b>Agenda Reference</b> | 7                                       |
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### Officers Recommendation

1. To note the report.

### Tidy Up Team

The Tidy Up Team continues to bolster the shrub / tree team assisting with overgrown shrubs and hedges in the afternoon after the main tasks of litter and bins have been completed. Standard ongoing tasks of litter picking, bin emptying, graffiti removal, fly tipping removal continue. Planters and hanging baskets have been replenished and placed out on site. Main ongoing maintenance of these at this time of year is watering. Watering is also required at Grace Walk Pocket Forest and the Memorial Tree at the skate park.

### Mouldon Hill

There has been a large hole discovered at the rear of Mouldon Hill lake. The hole is close to the bank and has been reportedly dug out by youths to be used as a fishing shelter. As Swindon Borough Council owns Mouldon Hill this has been reported to them, as it is unsafe it has also been reported to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, North Swindon Police and SBC Ward Councillors.

### Vehicle Maintenance

- **SF16 HVX** is booked for MOT on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.  
Works were carried out on this vehicle to replace the adjustable seat mechanism in June. Original cost was £2,258.36 with a new unit fitted. This was reduced by fitting a second-hand unit at £820.00.
- **Kubota** mowing machines were due to have air seats fitted on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. These seats will reduce the bodily impact on the operators. The cost is £1,540.98 inclusive of installation.

### SSE Tadpole Field

To note that in July SSE will be installing a temporary timber pole into Tadpole Field. The pole will be in the area that has been recognised as the potential site for Leisure Gardens. This is to carry power lines whilst a replacement pole is installed within the boundary of Swindon and Cricklade Railway. It is anticipated that the temporary pole will be in situation for 48 hours. All reinstatement works to the ground will be completed by SSE.

### Community Payback Tadpole Field

There is no update on any attendance for further maintenance of the Trees For Climate area.