

## ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Environment and Amenities Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>10th January 2023</b>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>11</b>

### **Play area report**

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To deliver officer recommendations and pricing for play area improvements.

2. **Summary**

2.1 At the meeting of the Play Area Working Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 it was resolved that quotes be sought for various items of equipment at Boxhill, Caldicott and Masefield play areas along with quotes for larger improvement projects to be included in the 5 year plan.

3. **Action required and recommendations**

3.1 Members are requested to instruct officers and update future plan.

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

4.1 Play area improvements are in support of the council's key objectives and in particular:

KO2: To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future and

KO3: To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.

4.2 Play area improvements are included in the Forward Plan as project E6.

5. **Background**

5.1 The council maintains 8 play areas –

Chaunterell Way  
Masefield Crescent  
River Close  
Caldecott Recreation Ground  
Boxhill Recreation Ground  
Chilton Close  
Elizabeth Avenue  
Hill View

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 I have obtained the attached quotes from a leading play equipment provider and recommend the following actions based on resolution from play area working group –

**Improvement items from current budget**

**6.2 Caldecott Recreation Ground**

Install 3-point basket swing to enhance the areas play value for older children & teenagers. **£13,970**

Install 2 x Springers (space permitting) **£2,000.**

Create mound between swings or install clash barriers to allow installation of springers in this space if needed.

**6.3 Boxhill Recreation Ground**

Install 3-point basket swing to enhance the areas play value for older children & teenagers. **£13,970**

**6.4 Masefield**

Install bench **£312**

**5 Year Improvements items**

**6.5 All enclosed play areas** (included in 5 year plan as requested but could come from current budget)

Self closing gates **£7,730.**

**6.7 Caldecott Recreation Ground**

Multi use games area suitable for tennis, netball, basket ball, cricket etc.

Climbing frame unit **£125k**

**6.8 Boxhill Recreation Ground**

Large climbing frame unit **£51,130**

**6.9 Masfield**

Large climbing structure **£30,047**

**Or**

Large climbing frame **£51,130**

Teen shelter **£**

**6.10 Chaunterell Way?**

Extension and enhancement for younger children and parents – play panels, balancers and seats.

**7. Climate change/green implications**

7.1 Outdoor play encourages interaction with the natural environment.

7.2 Equipment is sourced from environmentally responsible manufacturers and where possible made from sustainable materials.

**8. Financial/budget implications**

8.1 See costings above.

**9. HR implications**

9.1 Managing play area improvements will take considerable officer time however there will be no additional implications beyond existing staffing.

**10. Supporting papers and appendices**

None