

Report of the Interim Town Clerk

Play areas maintenance

Background

1. Council agreed to establish a small working group to look at play area maintenance.
2. Appendix (i) of the report is the output from an informal workshop conducted by the Interim Town Clerk to identify the key issues.
3. Appendix (ii) identifies issues arising from the work of the previous Temporary Town Clerk, which carry the risk of some costs being incurred by BTC.
4. Appendix (iii) is a legal briefing note in support of proposed changes to working practices with regard to trees and hedgerows on BTC land.

Recommendations

1. Members are recommended to adopt Appendix (i) as the basis of the Play Areas Maintenance plan, and to delegate to the clerk authority to convene a further working group meeting to scope out the details of proposed work, and costs.
2. Members are recommended to approve the proposals in Appendix (ii) and to delegate to the Town Clerk authority to spend up to £1000 from operational reserves to resolve the issues.
3. Members are recommended to note the ongoing implications of the legal briefing note provided.