

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North East Area Council Meeting:  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

**Agenda Item: 12**

**Report of North East Area Council  
Manager**

**Parks Service  
Play Areas Service Level Agreement**

**1. Background**

**1.1 Playground Inspection and Repair Process**

Local Authorities do not have a statutory duty to provide Children's Play Areas, but where Play Areas are provided, under the Health and Safety Act 1974, they have a statutory duty to inspect and maintain them in accordance with current guidelines and British Standard recommendations. Park Services currently maintain and inspect 135 play sites across the Borough. These sites are maintained in accordance with British Standards BSEN 1176 and 1177.

- 1.2 In April 2014, the North East Area Council agreed that a contingency sum of £10,000 be ring fenced to be used for a Service Level Agreement with Parks Services, to replace equipment and safety surfacing damaged through anti social behaviour, as required, across the 31 play sites of the North East Area Council. (NEAC 3.4.14/5e)
- 1.3 Members are asked to agree a further contingency sum of £10,000 per annum is ring fenced to be used for a Service Level Agreement with Parks Services, to replace equipment and safety surfacing across the 31 play sites of the North East Area Council, if required, for the financial years 2015 – 2016, and 2016 – 2017 respectively.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree a further contingency sum of £10,000 per annum is ring fenced to be used for a Service Level Agreement with Parks Services, to replace equipment and safety surfacing, across the 31 play sites of the North East Area Council for the financial years 2015 – 2016, and 2016 – 2017 respectively.**
- 2.2 That the self closing gate on the Shafton Green Play area, which has had to be removed due to anti social behaviour, should be replaced at a cost of £1,300**

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