



## Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Title:** Skate park condition and its future

### **Purpose of the Report:**

To receive an update on the condition of the skate park in Parson's Close Recreation Ground and for Members to carefully consider the potential of going out to tender for its refurbishment based on the condition report.

### **Contact Officer:**

Ian Haynes, Head of Grounds and Environmental Services

<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	To provide great public open spaces with varied opportunities for sport and leisure and to exceed expectations in delivering cemetery and allotment services.	
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	Yes	Seeking permission to go out to tender.
<b>Human Resources</b>	No	
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	No	
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	No	Linked to objective 45 in Five Year Plan. Funding for capital projects identified in the Five Year Financial Plan for 2023/2024.
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	No	
<b>Environmental Aims</b>	No	

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Should the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee be minded:-

- 1.1 To note the report.
- 1.2 To endorse that tenders are received for a refurbishment of the current skate park.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The present Parson's Close Recreation Ground skate park facility has been in situ for a number of years and is nearing the end of its useable life.
- 2.2 Whilst Parson's Close Recreation Ground hosts the present skate park facility, a state-of-the-art concrete replacement in the exact location would be unfeasible on floodplain grounds. Therefore, the refurbishment of the existing structure is considered the most appropriate solution.
- 2.3 The supplier of our skate park has been contacted to advise on the refurbishment of the deck panels and, where possible, reinforcing the structure due to natural wear and tear.
- 2.4 Attached is the latest annual play area inspection undertaken by RoSPA Play Safety Limited.

## **3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Funding for this capital project is identified in the Five-Year Financial Plan and is profiled to take place during 2023/2024.
- 3.2 Officers believe that a refurbishment of the Parson's Close Recreation Ground skate park would be in the region of £100,000 - £150,000, meaning a tender would need to be issued to meet the Town Council's financial regulations.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 In conclusion, Members are asked to consider going to tender to refurbish the current skate park to determine the costs involved.

**End.**