

FULL COUNCIL

Date: Monday, 31 July 2023
Title: Vandalism & Health and Safety
Contact Officer: Operations Manager

Background

This report offers an update on any health & safety matters and reported vandalism to the Council's estate and facilities.

Current Situation

Health and Safety

The annual play area inspections by ROSPA were completed on the 29th of June. The following play equipment has been removed due to high-risk ratings.

- Leys Play Area – Single point basket swing beam.
- Burwell Play area – Zipline.

A report will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee regarding these items.

Waster safety audits have been completed in the following facilities.

- Corn Exchange
- Town Hall

Accident incident reporting

There has been one incident reported and two accidents reported in the maintenance department.

Vandalism

Attempted break into Windrush Cemetery Depot. The waiting room door, separate from the depot entrance has been damaged, but access was not gained. Also, a section of the roof has been broken through, but no plant equipment was stored at the site during the incident. The roof has been temporarily repaired while a roofing contract make the full repair. To avert access to the roof again, sections of fencing will be installed to the rear of the depot where visibility is poor.

A section of hedge has been cut out of the hedgerow leading to lakeside allotment access road. This has re-introduced an access point to the road from the field. The Operations

Manager is meeting the fencing contractor on site on the 26th of July to get cost to fence the length of the hedgerow.

A spreadsheet including vandalism reports since the last meeting is included as an Appendix to this report.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Financial implications

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- Quotes still to be obtained for repairs to the Windrush Depot roof.
- There is an earmarked reserve for Allotments where fencing could be purchased from on for the Lakeside Allotment road access.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Review the quote for security mesh fencing at the lakeside allotments access road (to be tabled at the meeting).