

FULL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 12 April 2021

Title: Health, Safety & Vandalism Report

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Background

The purpose of this report is to inform councillors of vandalism. It will also update the current status of the council covid restrictions.

Current Situation

Covid-19

On the 29th of March in line with government easing of restriction, both MUGA's at King Georges and Burwell have opened along with the skate park. Officers are currently researching the possibility of re-starting the splash pad. However, as the water is not chlorinated there is no clear guidance.

If England does stay on course with the roadmap, the splash pad could operate from the 21st of June to the 1st week of September. The financial cost to commission and run the splash pad for the season may outweigh the recreational benefit of its operational period.

Vandalism

On the 4th of March, it was reported that a sofa was dumped into queen Emma's dyke. The works team have removed the sofa and all parts and placed them in the council skip for correct disposal. On the 9th of February graffiti was reported on Newland Bus Shelter. High strength graffiti remover has been ordered to remove this and the graffiti on the stone pillars entering the leys recreation ground.

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

- The cost to print the A2 correx sign on the skate park was £18.00 with the design completed by officers.
- High powered graffiti remover was £65.24 for 10ltr. This can be used in future for hard to remove spray paint.
- The cost to commission and decommission the splash pad is £ 2,360.88 including VAT. This does not include ongoing maintenance while running the pad and the water cost for the system is around £10,000 for the season.

Recommendations

Member are invited to note the report: