



Clerk Report Playpark Inspections Schedule 2021/22

Clerk Recommendation

That NMPC instruct 'The Play Inspection Company' for their annual programme of quarterly inspections based on their quotes evidencing 'best value' and their accreditation, independence and also the positive reviews from our neighbouring clerk.

Background

Our current insurance policy stipulates:

Playgrounds and amusement devices condition

You must ensure that in connection with playground and amusement devices that

1 all equipment, devices and facilities including sand pits and paddling pools

a are manufactured and installed to the appropriate standard and maintained in a good condition

*b are inspected by a competent person at least once every 4 weeks or more frequently as set out in the guidelines sent out by the Register of Playground Inspectors International authority and **all** defects or risks to health and safety are immediately rectified.*

Nash Mills Play Park at Bunkers Lane receives weekly visual inspections by our warden as our council appointed competent person, but in line with our risk assessment NMPC resolved to instruct quarterly inspections from a RPIIⁱ qualified professional as an additional safety measure.

Introduction

Last year we used RoSPA, Wicksteed and Sovereign however this year I have received an additional recommendation. All reporting formats are similar, and they are all accredited.

Company		Cost per visit	Annual cost
Sovereign	Early Years Outdoor Play Equipment - Sovereign Play (sovereignplayequipment.co.uk)	3 Inspections only £39.99 per month	£479.88
RoSPA	Play safety - RoSPA	£236 plus vat per inspection except for the May inspection which will be £82.50 plus vat	£790.50
Play Inspections	The Play Inspection Company Playground Inspections, Training & Consultancy Services (playinspections.co.uk)	£100 plus vat per visit One annual inspection, 3 operational inspections. Further detail can be found via the link in the footnote. ⁱⁱ	£400.00

Decision Needed

Council to deliberate and to decide on contractor to appoint, from those listed above.

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ⁱ Register of Playground Inspectors International

ⁱⁱ [Outdoor Play Area Inspections | The Play Inspection Company \(playinspections.co.uk\)](http://playinspections.co.uk)