



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Resurfacing of the zip wire runway

BACKGROUND

- We instruct an independent inspector to undertake a quarterly inspection of our play equipment and surfaces.
- The original surface, which is a tiled Wetpour, has previously been considered low risk but has now been downgraded to moderate risk because of the shrinkage between the tiles and increasing signs of wear and damage.
- In 2021 officers obtained professional advice on the state of the surface and were advised the following:
 - Wetpour tiles shrink at the joints causing gaps to appear.
 - Repairing the existing surface will only temporarily solve the problem as the shrinkage will continue to happen.
 - The surface is made of up of multiple tiles so there are multiple weak areas.
 - An over skim would require the gaps and joints to be filled plus a full area over skim.
 - If the existing surface is not removed the over skim will only be as good as the repair underneath.
 - There is another 2 years' worth of wear and tear of the surface before it becomes a medium risk (which is the case).
 - There is a 1 year warranty on repairs and overskims, but a 5 year warranty where the existing surface is removed and a new surface installed on the existing concrete base.
 - The existing size of the runway meets the exact standards required (former Councillor asked whether we could reduce the area of the runway to reduce costs).
- Repairs were last carried out in November 2018, costing £1,300.
- The Amenities Committee is asked to consider whether the surface is repaired again, or whether it wants a complete resurface with the option of using a bonded mulch which should be lower maintenance. If the committee voted to approve the complete resurfacing the costs would be put into the budget for 2024/25. Costs below for comparison.

	Repair (2023)	Re-skim (2021)	Resurface (2021)
Wetpour	£1,675	£6,200	£8,850 - £9,798
Bonded Mulch	n/a	n/a	£8,705 - £9,422

Wetpour tiled surface at Lion Green



Bonded mulch surface at Easebourne



RECOMMENDATION: The zip wire surface is completely replaced with a bonded rubber mulch, with the cost being added to the budget for 2024/2025.