



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

BACKGROUND

The council has two playgrounds (Lion Green and Town Meadow) which are subject to regular inspections as per below:

1. General inspections weekly

As part of his job, Martin Wellen undertakes visual & physical inspections to include checking general wear and tear, and monitoring.

2. Operational inspections three times a year

BS EN 1176 Part 7 **recommends** that operational inspections are carried out on a monthly or quarterly basis, depending on risk assessment.

This inspection looks in detail at the condition of the equipment; providing a quality control check on the more regular inspections and identifying wear and tear on the equipment.

3. Annual inspection once a year

BS EN 1176 Part 7 **requires** that an Annual Inspection is carried out. Essentially looking at vandalism, wear and tear, long term structural problems, standards compliance and design, along with risk assessment etc. This report covers the overall safety of the playground.

Currently, the Council is paying £540 (as set out below)

Product	Quantity	Unit Price	Net total
Operational Inspection	6	£67.50	£405.00
Annual inspection	2	£67.50	£135.00
Total for year			£540.00

- The fees have been increased by our current inspector this year to a total of £650 so we have obtained quotes from two other companies.
- Sovereign provides a fixed price for a **5-year contract** which is substantially cheaper but only provides for two operational inspections. We would have to instruct RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) to do the annual inspection for 5 years.

Company	Operational per year	Annual per year	1 year net total	Operational per 5 years for comparison	Annual per 5 years for comparison	5 year net total
PIC	6	2	£650	30	10	£3,250
Safeplay	6	2	£897	30	10	£4,485
Sovereign & ROSPA	4	2	£315.60	20	10	£1,578

RECOMMENDATION: Sovereign and RoSPA are instructed to undertake the operational and annual play inspections for Lion Green and Town Meadow for the next five years (commencing 1 April 2024 and concluding March 2029).