

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE CHECK REPORTS

Reason for Report

To ensure the continuity of monthly playground reports.

Background

- Following the retirement of one of their employees, no monthly playground reports have been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council since November 2022.
- Despite repeated attempts since December 2022, the first response I received was on the 29th March 2023 to say they are having issues with their electronic reporting system; however, checks have continued.
- It is imperative that these reports are received to allow the Council to carry out essential repairs and maintenance.
- I have sought a quote from a company that already carry out some maintenance work on our behalf.
- This company above already provides a similar monthly check service to a local community council. I have spoken to the Clerk at this Council and she is more than content with the service provided.

Decision protocol to follow (in absence of Town Clerk)

- Please do not share the company details of the quote provided with any external parties.
- During the meeting refer to the company as 'the company' and do not mention costs involved.
- In the event that a decision is made to move contractors at a later date the cost and company name can be spoken and will be published in the minutes.

Recommendation

- In the event that the reports from the Vale Council are not forthcoming by the next F&G meeting on the 2nd May 2023, to delegate responsibility to the Finance & Governance consider contracting said new company to carry out monthly checks.