

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	7 October 2014
Title:	Recreation Areas
Contact Officer:	Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve the Inspection Policy for Play Areas.

Background

2. The Recreation Areas - Inspection Policy for Play Areas (appendix 1 attached) has been reviewed and updated to include revised inspection reporting procedures and the minimum inspection criteria on the new play equipment installed at Queen Elizabeth Circle Play Area.

Resource Appraisal

3. The Maintenance Team has been trained by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association on the inspection of play areas. Independent annual inspections are undertaken by RoSPA on all play area sites. The cost of this is budgeted within each play area cost centre.

Risk Assessment

4. The inspection policy sets out the requirements of the play area inspection system to ensure regular examination and repair of play equipment and associated items. This ensures as far as practical that the play areas are safe to use and controls are in place to remove items which are found to be at fault or requiring repair.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

Recommendation:

- i) To approve the Recreation Areas - Inspection Policy for Play Areas.*