



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

6th May 2026

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and S151 Officer

Play Equipment Inspections 2026/27

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to release funds for year one of the play equipment inspections contract with Kompan Limited for financial year 2026/27 from the Council's Property Reserve.

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
Decision:	To release £28,500 from the Property Reserve to fund year one of the play equipment inspections contract for financial year 2026/27.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	This report is not exempt from publication.
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer has the appropriate delegation to release funds from the Property Reserve, which is a discretionary reserve.

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance

- 1.1 The financial implications are set out in the report.

Completed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer has the necessary delegated authority to take this decision.

Completed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To seek approval to release funds of £28,500 from the Council's Property Reserve to fund year one of the play inspections contract, undertaken by Kompan Limited, for financial year 2026/27.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 The Council is required to have a robust inspection and maintenance programme in place for its play areas, and this should meet the requirements of BS EN1176 part 7 – guidance for installation, inspection, maintenance and operation.
- 3.2 The Council could choose not to undertake the monthly operational inspections, however this could put the Council at risk. Therefore the 'do nothing' option has been discounted.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To release the funds from the Property Reserve to cover the value of the contract for year one with Kompan Limited for 2026/27.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 At a meeting of Cabinet on 7 April 2026, [Award of Contract for Play Equipment Repairs and Operational Inspections](#), an award of contract was approved to Kompan Limited for the provision of play equipment repairs, supply of new equipment and monthly operational inspections across the South Kesteven district for a period of three years with the potential to extend for a further two years.
- 5.2 Releasing funds from the Property Reserve will provide additional budget to the general fund play equipment budget to cover the monthly operational equipment inspections and annual Cableway inspections by Kompan Limited.
- 5.3 The contract with Kompan Limited provides the Council with independent assurance on the condition, suitability and maintenance of play equipment across the district which will assist the Council in prioritising investment and replacement of equipment.
- 5.4 The Council does have two trained Officers in the Council who currently undertake the weekly visual inspections, and as part of the contract with Kompan Limited, Officers will have access to the play inspection app used by Kompan Limited to record their visual inspections.
- 5.5 As part of the Council's budget setting process for 2027/28 the year two value of the contract with Kompan Limited will be included as part of this.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **08.05.26**