



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

12 May 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and S151 Officer

Play Equipment Inspections 2025/26

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to release funds for the play equipment inspections by Kompan Limited for financial year 2025/26 from the Council's Property Reserve.

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Decision made by:	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
Decision:	To release £25,000 from the Property Reserve to fund the play equipment inspections for financial year 2025/26.
Public or Exempt:	Public
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer has the necessary delegation through Financial Regulations to use Discretionary Reserves.

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 and Deputy Monitoring Officer**

2. The Purpose of the Report

2.1 To seek approval to release funds of £25,000 from the Council's Property Reserve to fund the operational play equipment inspections, undertaken by Kompan Limited, for financial year 2025/26.

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.

3.2 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 with Kompan Limited for 2025/26.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 Releasing funds from the Property Reserve will provide additional budget to the general fund play equipment budget to cover the play equipment inspections by Kompan Limited.
- 5.2 The contract with Kompan Limited provides the Council with independent assurance on the condition, suitability and maintenance of play equipment across the district. Included within the contract is an updated life expectancy of each piece of equipment will provide additional benefit and assist the Council to prioritise investment and replacement of equipment.
- 5.3 The Council does have two trained Officers in the Council who currently undertake the weekly visual inspections, however both have other substantive responsibilities alongside this role, and this would create additional resources pressures on the team to undertake the monthly inspections too.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **12 May 2025**