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**RISK ASSESSMENT FINDINGS**

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| **Date** | **23.03.23** |
| **Assessor** | **A L Harrison** |
| **Review Date** | **30.06.23** |

**Relevant Legislation:** The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

**RISK ASSESSMENT RECORD**

**ACTIVITY and/or ENVIRONMENT TO BE ASSESSED: Wharf St Playground**

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| **KEY (People at risk)** | **Likelihood (L)** | **Severity (S)** | **Risk Calculation** | **Risk Rating** |
| E = Employee YP = Young Persons  P = Public  C = Contractors  V = Visitors  EM = Expectant Mothers | 1. Very Low (rare/very unlikely)  2. Low (unlikely)  3. Medium (could occur/possible)  4. High (likely to occur/probable)  5. Very High (near certain to occur) | 1. Insignificant (nuisance/discomfort)  2. Minor (no lost time)  3. Moderate (time loss)  4. Significant (serious/incapacity to work)  5. Major (Death) | Likelihood x Severity  =  Rating | **1- 6** **LOW RISK** Monitor   * 1. **MEDIUM RISK** Monitor, review & reduce risk where possible   **14-25** **HIGH RISK** Further Action Required |

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| **1.Hazards Identified and potential harm it could cause** | **2. People**  **At Risk** | **3.Controls in Place** | **4.Risk Rating** | | | | **5. Further Action Required/ Recommendations** | **6.Target Date for Completion** |
| **L** | **S** | **Score** | **Risk** |

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| Litter/glass etc. causing injury | P/C/E/YP | * Regular visual staff inspection of area * Daily litter picking carried out Mon- Sat by staff | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | None |  |
| Discarded syringes etc. | P/C/E/YP | * Regular visual inspection of area by staff * Safe litter picking procedures involving use of personal protective equipment (litter pickers) and clothing (heavy duty gloves) * Safe disposal of collected materials | 2 | 3 | 6 | Low | Advise staff of additional duties re: play park area  Consider additional sharps bin | 30.03.23  14.04.23 |
| Dog faeces causing infection / toxicariasis | YP | * Prohibit dog walking on site so far as is reasonably practicable * Signage prohibiting dog walking on site * Safe clearing procedures involving use of personal protective clothing and equipment * Safe disposal of collected waste. | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | None but seek routine dog warden patrols as required. i.e. if persistent problems occur | ongoing |
| Poisonous / thorny plants  Skin irritation, scratches etc. | YP/P/C | * Consideration of children safety. * Grounds maintenance. contractor procedures including safe disposal or removal where necessary. Boundaries and hedges cut back annually. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low |  |  |
| Hard surfaces – injury through falling | YP | * No hard surfaces, grass on playing field and wet pour installed around play equipment in accordance with British Standards (see below) | 1 | 1 | 1 | Low |  |  |
| Defective ground surfaces e.g. potholes causing trips and injury | P/C/E/YP | * Regular weekly visual inspection of area by staff * Regular inspections/reports of maintenance etc by DMBC * Annual independent inspection * Reporting procedure for defects * Screening off of defective areas as required. * Prompt remedial action | 3 | 3 | 9 | Med | Advise handymen of new responsibilities and to report all defects to the Clerk to the Council for remedial action | 30.03.23 |
| Trespassers causing vandalism, assault, harassment etc. | P/C/E/YP | * Signage regarding trespass * Well maintained fencing/boundary. * Adequate supervision of children | 3 | 3 | 9 | Med | Consider CCTV to deter | ongoing |
| Defective playground equipment and fixed apparatus causing injury | YP | * Regular visual inspection of playground equipment by handymen (Mon-Sat) with   reporting to /Clerk of defects   * Regular inspections with reports produced DMBC * Maintenance of equipment by DMBC (BTC funded) * Appropriate supervision of young children to ensure equipment is appropriate for age | 3 | 3 | 9 | Med | Check date of previous annual inspection and set up an annual independent inspection.(e.g. IPI Ltd)  Check current signage re: age/use requirements for equipment.  Check and record signage on site | 30.04.23  30.05.23  Checked 23.03.23 |
| Hags Junior multi play unit inc slide | YP | (as above) | 3 | 4 | 12 | Med | Slide requires replacement- instruct DMBC to supply & fit a new style slide complete with new wooden legs.  Damage to climbing wall - To supply and fit a new climbing wall. | Instructed  15.03.23  (complete by 30.06.23)  Instructed 15.03.23  (complete by 30.06.23) |
| Hags Toddler multi play unit | YP | (as above) | 3 | 3 | 9 | Med | To replace the two damaged wooden roof panels – instruct DMBC. | Instructed  15.03.23  (complete by 30.06.23) |
| Swings 2.7 swing frame  2 flat 2 cradles. | YP | (as above) | 3 | 3 | 9 | Med | To replace all four worn hangers on the flat swing frame with new anti-wraps – instruct DMBC to replace and reinstall swings. | Instructed  15.03.23  (complete by 30.05.23) |
| Hags  Car Springer and turtle Springer. | YP | (as above) | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | Satisfactory but car missing one wheel (cosmetic) |  |
| Hags Roundabout | YP | (as above) | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | Satisfactory |  |
| Teen Shelter | YP/P | (as above) | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | One spacer missing low risk- monitor |  |
| Play Perimeter Fence | YP | (as above) | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | To reset the two loose gate posts & one bow top fence post to eliminate movement- Instruct DMBC. | Instructed  15.03.23  (complete by 30.04.23) |
| M.U.G.A | YP/P | (as above) | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | No repairs required condition good – tarmac good |  |
| Wet Pour surfacing | YP/P | (as above) | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | Raised safer surface edges throughout the play area – instructed DMBC to cut back lay fresh wet pour to eliminate all trip hazards | Instructed  15.03.23  Completed  24.03.23 |
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| **Ancillary items** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seats x 1 | YP/P | * Regular weekly visual inspection of area by staff * Regular inspections/reports of maintenance required by DMBC | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | Satisfactory |  |
| Bin x 3 | YP/P/E | (as above) | 2 | 1 | 2 | Low | One bin requires securing in the foundation near the teen shelter- Need-a- Hand Ltd instructed to re-site | 10.03 23  (complete by 15.04.23) |
| Signs | YP/P/E | (as above) | 2 | 1 | 2 | Low | Replace with new Council signs | 30.04.23 |
| Self-closing gate | YP/P/E/C | (as above) | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | Satisfactory. |  |
| Vehicle Access Gate x 1 | P/E/C | (as above) | 2 | 1 | 2 | Low | Satisfactory. |  |
| Path | YP/P/E/C | (as above) | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | Satisfactory. |  |
| Inclement weather conditions | P/C/E/YP | * Advise of restricted access to apparatus during periods of inclement weather e.g. snow / ice / strong winds etc. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Low | Check feasibility to close/ prohibit access to play equipment | 30.04.23 |

**NOTE:** In all this area the risk is perceived as low for older children. Young children must be accompanied by an adult to reduce their risk of injury.

All remaining risks are managed to a reasonable level.

This risk assessment will be reviewed on receipt of an Annual Inspection from an external body each year.

This risk assessment to be adopted on 11th April 2023.