

## **REMOVAL OF THE ROCKER – AGITO AT THE IVER RECREATION GROUND**

Following the RoSPA report, I have contacted the manufacturer of the Rocker-Agito equipment installed at the Iver Recreation Ground to see if they can repair and replace the parts as recommended by RoSPA.

The report found that the internal mechanism is noisy and that the supporting components should be dismantled and inspected; an item on the equipment is damaged and needs to be monitored; there is wear in bearings that needs to be monitored and replaced when necessary, and there is significant corrosion on the base collar that needs to be replaced.

The playground contractor of the equipment has confirmed the following:

*“Unfortunately, parts are no longer available for the agito rocker – it will need to be fully removed from site and disposed of/surfacing patched over and new equipment installed if required.”*

The cost for this is £850.00 plus VAT

I have spoken to another playground contractor who has indicated a cost of £2k to remove the Rocker-Agito.

**Recommendation: That the Committee considers the advice from the playground manufacturer, to remove the equipment from site; dispose of and surface patch over at a cost of £850.00 plus VAT; and for the Committee’s further consideration for new equipment to be installed.**

### **Up date on works to the children’s playground equipment and outside gym equipment.**

In addition to the above, I have also started getting some costs to replace parts on another manufacturer’s equipment and having repairs to surface areas of the children’s playground. The indicative cost so far for these works to be carried out is £17,262.71 plus VAT. The playground contractor also looked at replacing the Basketball court surface as RoSPA has found that the surface is uneven/cracking and needs to be repaired. The playground contractor has indicated a repair cost of around £18k. It has also been picked up by RoSPA that the Basketball ring is damaged and needs to be replaced; the item/its surfacing are not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standard and that there are no warning notices on the equipment. At present, these are only indicative costs.

Another piece of equipment that is of concern is the Fitness Station at the back of the Iver Recreation Ground. A playground contractor has had a look at this and will be sending a quote to remove the Fitness station as the manufacturer is unknown and the equipment needs repairing (bearings worn on hip twist; the steppers are stiff which needs to be replaced; the rotating damping does not comply which need to be monitored and there is no signage). The contractor indicated that it would be cheaper

to replace the fitness station with a new up to date outdoor gym piece and remove existing Fitness Station.

Due to the indicative high costs so far, I will of course continue to obtain advice and quotations from other playground contractors so that I can bring these issues back to the Amenities Committee.

The Grounds Team have also started to action some of the low risk defects as recommended by RoSPA.