

Leisure & Recreation Committee

Report: Barnum Court and Alanbrooke Play Areas – Project Update

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1. Purpose of Report

To update Members on progress with the planned improvement works at Barnum Court and Alanbrooke play areas.

2. Background

The Council previously approved the proposed works to both play areas, and the order was formally placed with the appointed contractor on 31 July 2026.

Current Position

A pre-commencement site meeting with the contractor's Site Manager is scheduled for 3rd September 2026. This meeting was delayed due to a personal matter affecting the contractor's representative.

The meeting will confirm:

- The final works programme and anticipated start dates;
- Site access and compound arrangements;
- Health and safety and site security requirements;
- Arrangements to minimise disruption to residents and play-area users; and
- Communications required before the sites are closed for construction.

Subject to the outcome of the meeting and confirmation of the contractor's programme, works are expected to commence during September 2026.

Further updates will be provided to Members at the meeting, once the programme and commencement dates have been confirmed.

Financial Implications

The works will be delivered in accordance with the approved quotations and budget. Any proposed variation or additional cost will be reported and authorised in accordance with the Council's financial procedures.

4. Recommendation

Members are asked to:

1. Note that the order for the Barnum Court and Alanbrooke play-area works was placed on 31 July 2026;
2. Note that the pre-commencement site meeting is scheduled for 3 September 2026; and
3. Note that the works are currently expected to commence during September 2026, subject to final confirmation from the contractor.





