Leisure & Recreation Committee

Report: Members' briefing note on Play Area refurbishments
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Current position

The main works at Alanbrooke and Barnum Court play areas are now complete. Poor weather has delayed installation of the wet pour safety surfacing, and the installation team is awaiting a suitable dry period before proceeding. Surfacing, snagging, post-installation inspection and formal handover remain outstanding.

Completion and handover

Alanbrooke: Wet pour surfacing is scheduled for Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 November 2026. Replacement of missing fixings and removal of the temporary fencing are planned for Wednesday 4 November, subject to completion checks and the opening requirements below.

Barnum Court: Wet pour surfacing is scheduled for Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 November 2026. Subject to satisfactory completion of the remaining works and inspection, the contractor anticipates removing the temporary fencing on Tuesday 10 November.

Post-installation inspections will be completed at both sites before opening. Any snagging and issues identified through inspection will be addressed, the surfacing allowed to cure, and formal handover completed before the play areas reopen. Temporary fencing removal and opening arrangements will be coordinated accordingly. These dates remain provisional and dependent on weather and satisfactory completion of the works.

Alanbrooke mowing strip

A small additional cost has arisen at Alanbrooke due to the poor condition of the existing mowing strip. This relates to the additional work required to provide a satisfactory finish around the play area. The amount and its treatment within the project budget will be confirmed through the final cost review.

Communications

Social media posts will be arranged following completion and handover, using photographs of the finished play areas to highlight the improvements and confirm that the sites are open. Members will be advised once the opening arrangements are confirmed.

Member action

Members are asked to note the progress at both sites, the weather-related delay to surfacing and the remaining steps before handover. Play Area visit arranged for 18th November 2026.

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Progress Photographs

Alanbrooke Crescent





Barnum Court





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