

## Agenda item 3

For decision – approval of new open space management plans for Packsaddle and Tower View

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### Summary

This report presents the first management and improvement plan for the children’s play area off Packsaddle Way and the first plan for the play area and green at Tower View.

These spaces officially came across to us from Mendip District Council in July this year and the plans have been drawn up following public consultation and engagement in both spaces since then.

Both plans are scheduled to be reviewed after 18 months, in summer 2020.

### Background

The format of our plans is repeated across all the parks and green spaces that we look after. The plans include important details like the main habitat typology and a management summary.

The plans aren’t intended to be daunting or overly technical. Rather, we hope that our plans are straightforward, informative and engaging and that they make people want to head outdoors to explore the town’s parks and green spaces.

### Management plans

Since both spaces only came across to the Council this summer, there aren’t any current (outgoing) plans.

The plans for both spaces are at Appendices [3.1](#) (Packsaddle) & [3.4](#) (Tower View).

The significant Next Steps are highlighted on the plans and are as follows:

#### Packsaddle

- Investing £7500 on new play equipment following the local PB vote
- Surfacing repairs around the edges of the play equipment
- Some new seating
- Supporting the community in their events

#### Tower View

- Investing £7500 on new play equipment following the local PB vote; working with the MCA to do this
- Surfacing repairs in the play area
- Tree planting around the boundary of the green

### More detail

There's more information relating to each plan in a corresponding appendix:

- [Appendix 3.2](#): Packsaddle in a bit more detail
- [Appendix 3.5](#): Tower View in a bit more detail

### Site risk assessments

The committee also discusses and approves site risk assessments at the same time as reviewing management plans. This is still a relatively new approach – adopted in autumn 2018. As such, this is the third set of site risk assessments to be formally discussed.

This approach reflects the Council's commitment to provide the town with information about how we look after the spaces that we're entrusted with. By discussing and approving site risk assessments in this way, we are providing a clear and complete picture of what we do.

The proposed site risk assessments for the two spaces are at the following appendices:

- [Appendix 3.3](#): Site risk assessment for Packsaddle
- [Appendix 3.6](#): Site risk assessment for the play area at Tower View
- [Appendix 3.7](#): Site risk assessment for Tower View green

### Recommendations

1. Adopt the management plans for Packsaddle and Tower View
2. Adopt the site risk assessments for Packsaddle and Tower View
3. Approve the scheduled review dates for the above plans
4. Approve the scheduled annual review of the above site risk assessments
5. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to deliver the plans
6. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to keep the site risk assessments up to date in-between approval and the (scheduled) annual review