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Briefing Note

South Avenue Play Area Replacement Trampoline

For Council on 23rd October 2025

Introduction

In April 2024, it was discovered that the ground level trampoline in South Avenue Play Area (shown below) had been broken, most probably due to anti-social behaviour. The Maintenance officer removed the matting, filled the hole and boarded it over for safety.



Costs for Replacement/Repair

Two contractors were contacted for quotes to repair the trampoline. Contractor 1 stated that the whole unit would need replacing and quoted accordingly.

Contractor 2 was able to repair the trampoline for £2,851.88 plus VAT. These figures were taken to the Finance, Governance and Estates Committee on 19th June 2025 and due to the cost, the Estates and Facilities Manager was asked to investigate the possibility of using S106 funding to fund the repair/replacement trampoline (Minute F25/26.007(ii)).

Due to S106 contributions not being allowed to be used for maintenance, a second quote was requested to install a new trampoline from Contractor 2, to apply for the S106 Funding. The quotes for replacing the trampoline are as follows:

Contractor 1 quoted £10,218.45 plus VAT

Contractor 2 quoted £7,376.75 plus VAT

The quote from Contractor 2 was less expensive (by £2,841.70) and therefore £7,376.75 worth of S106 contributions were applied for. On Thursday 9th October 2025, Mid Sussex District Council confirmed that the Parish Council's application had been approved to release **£7,376.75** of S106 contributions from PL13-004209.

Normally this briefing note would be presented to the Finance, Governance and Estates Committee for approval but has been presented to Council in order to expedite the process.

Recommendation

The recommendation is that Members agree to appoint Contractor 2 to install a new ground level trampoline in South Avenue Play Area at a cost of £7,376.75 and to reclaim the funds from S106 contributions.

RECOMMENDATION: Members are asked to AGREE to appoint Contractor 2 to install a new ground level trampoline in South Avenue Play Area at a cost of £7,376.75 plus VAT, and to reclaim this amount from S106 contributions.
