

## **Meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee**

**Monday 13 October 2025**

### **Agenda Item 8.3**

#### **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE INSTALLATION OF PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT**

##### **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report provides a brief summary of the play area refurbishment works that were recently carried out ahead of the official opening by the Mayor of Uckfield on Friday 10 October 2025 at 3.00pm.
- 1.2 Following a pre-inspection and some minor adjustments to ensure safety and compliance, these play areas will hopefully last the test of time and provide a hive of activity for the local community, for years to come.
- 1.3 All in all, Uckfield Town Council were proud to report that the play area company Kompan were great to work with during this whole process, with a special mention to the installation contractors who were professional and knowledgeable throughout.

##### **2.0 List of concluded works:**

###### **Victoria Play Area – full upgrade**

- To protect the new surface from any flooding, additional drainage has been installed by sub-contractors for the trampoline, which was dispersed towards the tennis courts.
- All the benches have been replaced with low maintenance, recycled plastic benches and includes two additional picnic benches and one standard bench, so there are now four benches and two picnic benches altogether on this site.
- A few slight adjustments were made to improve surface levels, including an area for the swing sets (this took four days to complete) as well as the aquatic themed inlays and connecting pathways.
- ROSPA attended and carried out the pre-opening inspection with no issues other than the two gates being repaired. The Health and Safety Inspector provided feedback stating that it was a pleasure inspecting a play area installed to such a high standard with no issues.
- Other than cars disregarding the coned-off section, no issues arose.

###### **Hempstead Meadows – replacement of Zipline to Coco Wave Swing**

- The old zipline was removed in one day and replaced by the new coco wave swing.
- New grass matting has been installed along with new turf.

- ROSPA Inspector visited and no issues were found other than a local resident jumping on the trailer as it was accessing the site.

### **3.0 Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked to:

- (i) record the achievement of the completion of this large-scale project to fully replace and upgrade Victoria Play Area, and to replace the damaged zip-line at Hempstead Meadows, and;
- (ii) consider the level of interest in the red elephant rocker from local residents at Victoria Pleasure Ground, and consider retaining this as a key feature within or alongside the newly upgraded play area.

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Hempstead Meadows - Giant Coco Wave Swing





Victoria Play Area



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