

Action from Moray Council on 24 April 2024

Agenda Item No:	4b
Report Title	Moray Play Sufficiency Assessment 2023
Responsible Officer:	Rowena MacDougall

Information Sought:	Response:
Information on the life span of play equipment to be provided to Members.	<p>Following discussion with the Open Space team it is noted that the life span of equipment depends on various factors including location relative to the materials it is fabricated from, the level of use the equipment experiences and if it is subject to vandalism.</p> <p>For example wooden equipment in damp areas will degrade more quickly or in seaside areas some types of metal corrode more quickly than inland locations. Higher use equates to higher wear and increase in replacing of units either in part or whole.</p> <p>Therefore, when considering the suitability of equipment for sites the Council will take these factors into account to select the most durable and cost effective solution for the site.</p> <p>As a reference the guarantees supplied with equipment on average range from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural steel – 25 years• Timber – 10-15 years (some specific types of wood average 20years)• HDPE panels – 5-10 years• Surfacing – 5 years• Consumables and moveable parts – 2 years. <p>These are only averages and different suppliers and specific equipment will vary.</p>

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