

Battle Town Council Environment Committee Risk Assessment 2019-20

Function/Site	Area of Activity	Assessment of Risk	Current management Action	Further Action Required
Finance	Asset Register	High	All buildings, areas of land, benches, lights and items of equipment are included in an asset register, which is reviewed annually. (Deeds etc recorded in terrier and land registered. Deeds held in fire-proof safe.)	None
	Rents	Medium	All land and buildings rented to third parties are the subject of leases that include the provision for rent reviews, which are undertaken using professional advice as necessary. Rents are reviewed annually or according to individual Agreements	None
	Fees and charges	Low	Reviewed annually as part of budget process.	None
	Budget	Medium	Annual budget is approved by Council and income/expenditure is reviewed at Committee and Full Council meetings.	None
	Insurance	Medium	Buildings and equipment insured against damage/loss. Council approves cover following recommendations from the Town Clerk who carries out the annual review of all risks to ensure adequate cover.	None
			Annual review of employer's liability undertaken by Council following recommendations from the Town Clerk.	None
			Annual review of public liability insurance undertaken by Council following recommendations from the Town Clerk.	None

Allotments	Agreements	Medium	Plots are clearly identified. Agreements are signed by tenant and BTC. Details of tenant and rent payments are recorded by Town Clerk or Assistant	None
	General maintenance	Medium	BTC is responsible for boundary hedge cutting and tree trimming, cutting main pathways and maintenance of fences and gates. Skips provided annually in spring. Contractors are used for some specialist work	None
	Plot maintenance	Medium	Tenants are responsible for keeping to agreements. Plots inspected four times a year by Town Clerk's Assistant and Senlac Allotments Association representative if available.	None
Cemetery	Records	High	Records and grave plans are currently recorded manually and kept in fire-proof storage.	Records to be scanned and computerised. Future records could be electronic.
	Cemetery regulations	Medium	Regulations, which set the rules for how graves may be presented and planted, are displayed in the cemetery and are accessible on the website.	None
	Chapel building	Medium	Maintenance is undertaken by Council staff. Additional work may be directed by Town Clerk or Deputy	None
	Memorial stones	High	Subject to annual inspections and records maintained. Unsafe memorials are laid down in a safe position and attempts made to inform relatives regarding action to be taken.	None
	Maintenance	Medium	Maintenance is mainly undertaken by Council staff. Additional work may be directed by Town Clerk or Deputy	Ensure that risk assessments for staff are completed as appropriate

Estate excluding allotments and cemetery	General maintenance	Medium	General maintenance of the whole estate is mainly undertaken by Council staff, but contractors are used for some specialist work. Additional work may be directed by Town Clerk or Deputy.	Ensure that risk assessments for staff are completed as appropriate
			All sites regularly visited by Council staff and reports made to Town Clerk.	None
			Contractors provide specific services and the quality of contracted work is monitored by Town Clerk.	None
	Equipment	Low	All equipment is stored securely	None
			All major items of equipment are serviced annually and repaired/replaced as necessary.	None
	Trees	High	Ongoing monitoring of all trees, including those in the cemetery and the allotments, by Council staff. Concerns reported to Town Clerk or Deputy who will take appropriate action.	Consider need and frequency for inspections by external Qualified Personnel. Ensure that risk assessments for staff are completed as appropriate. Need to appoint a Tree Warden and arrange training
	Children's Play Areas	High	Fortnightly (weekly in school holidays) inspections carried out by Council staff and written reports made to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required.	None
			Regular inspections undertaken by Grounds staff who have received appropriate training.	None
		Annual inspection by Qualified Person	Review play equipment against Inspection Reports and agree a plan for maintenance, replacement or removal	

Litter	Low	Litter bins provided and emptied regularly by Council staff.	None
St Mary's Churchyard	High	Annual inspection of memorials overseen by Town Clerk or Assistant	None
Sports Facilities	Medium	Site visited regularly by Council staff and reports made to Town Clerk or Deputy who will take appropriate action	None
		Weekly inspection of football pitch and goalposts carried out by Council staff during the football season and written reports made to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required..	None
		Weekly inspection of MUGA by Council staff and reports made to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required.	The area will require resurfacing in the future
		Weekly inspection of pavilion during the football season by Council staff and issues reported to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required.	Upgrade of facilities included in Action Plan for the Environment Committee
		Pavilion alarm and fire equipment tested annually. Council staff check fire alarm monthly and report to Town Clerk or Deputy	None
		Council staff clear tennis court surfaces of moss etc on regular basis and surrounding areas are cleared of brambles and trees are cut back.	The area will require resurfacing in the future and nets may need to be replaced.
Fortnightly inspections of cycle skills area carried out by Council staff and issues reported to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required..	None		

		Regular inspection of table tennis table and pétanque terrain by Council staff and issues reported to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required.	None
Dogs	Medium	Dog waste bins provided and emptied regularly by Council staff.	None
		Dogs banned in play area, dogs must be on a lead in recreation grounds (by-law) and signage elsewhere asks owners to keep dogs under control.	Adequate signage at all entrances is required to ensure that dogs are kept on leads in recreation grounds.
Rights of Way	Medium	Council staff carry out minor maintenance work on behalf of County Council on footpaths in and around town centre.	ESCC to provide safety training for BTC staff and volunteers. Responsible Committee - Planning & Transport
Bus shelters	Low	Regular inspection and maintenance by BTC staff and removal of unauthorised advertising. Bus shelters are insured individually against loss and damage.	None. Responsible Committee - Planning & Transport
		No Highway Licences appear to be in place	TC has confirmed that no licences are needed
Seats/benches	Low	Regular inspection and maintenance by BTC staff. Individual seats are not insured as excess is disproportionate	Need to ensure that all new seats are included on asset register.
Street lighting	Low	Highway Licences are obtained where necessary prior to agreement for placement Maintenance contract is in place and lights are checked at least fortnightly. Faults reported by staff and public referred to contractors and monitored. Insurance in place to cover damages. Street lights are on the asset register	

Abbey Green		Lighting has been changed to gain long term savings on energy costs	Costs are monitored and reviewed
	Low	Surface, bollards and kerbs are inspected and repairs undertaken or reported as appropriate. Issues reported to Town Clerk or Deputy who schedule maintenance as required.	
	Low	Benches are secured and checked as detailed above	
	Low	Electricity and water services are checked and maintained by appropriately qualified personnel	
	Medium	Council staff take great care when accessing area by vehicle. Signs on bollards warn drivers/riders that motor vehicles are not allowed.	Consider placing additional signs to reduce possible injury to pedestrians caused by motor vehicles.