



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Replacement Hip Hop at Lion Green

Background:

The Hip Hop at Lion Green, a popular item of playground equipment originally installed in 2016, has failed for the third time (most recently in August 2025). The moving part has sheared clean off on each occasion—2020, 2021¹, and now again. Fortunately, no injuries have been reported.

It has been routinely inspected (weekly by Chris Ashdown, twice yearly by Sovereign Playground and annually by a RoSPA Play Safety engineer. It failed the day after the inspection by Sovereign Playground.

The manufacturer has confirmed the item is under warranty and can be replaced like-for-like, with the Council only liable for the installation fee of £400. Officers met a representative of the company on site and it was confirmed that our Hip Hop has failed more than any other customers. There may be a combination of factors – more that the appropriate number of users on it at one time, and maybe older (heavier) users than appropriate.

On this basis, officers have also requested an alternative, similar replacement suitable for the same footprint as they have concerns about potential future failure and user safety. A quote has been received for a different piece of equipment at a cost of £9,774.

Options for consideration:

1. Replace the Hip Hop like-for-like (installation cost: £400). This can be funded from the playground maintenance budget.
2. Replace with the suggested alternative called a Rodeoboard (total cost: approx. £9,774). This includes removal of remaining item, supply and installation of new item and new safety surfacing (this includes a discount). This can be funded out of Neighbourhood CIL.

The committee is asked to consider the options presented and to agree a resolution on its preferred option.

¹ Engineer site visit, rm and fixings cost in August 2020 £1,039, installation cost in March 2021 £395



Hip Hop (accessible from 6 years old and can accommodate up to 2 users)



Rodeoboard (accessible from 8 years old and can accommodate up to 4 users)

