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We must recognise the significant impact that play has on promoting the mental health and well-being of our children. It is essential to support communities that have been adversely affected by the hardships and developmental delays brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mowmacre Play Association would like to propose the following suggestions for your consideration. These suggestions aim to enhance the support provided to voluntary sector play providers and build upon the existing responsibilities outlined in our leases. By doing so, we can ensure better maintenance of council properties while also providing the council with valuable oversight.

### 1. Building Maintenance Support.

#### Technical Assistance:

We propose that the council offer training and resources for playgrounds to help them maintain their leased buildings. This could include B.R.O. training and certification programs, which would ultimately benefit the council by ensuring that properties are well-maintained.

#### Funding for Repairs:

Identify small capital grants specifically for building repairs and maintenance to assist play providers in covering these costs.

### 2. Shared Services for Economies of Scale.

#### Building Insurance Contracts:

Facilitate group insurance schemes for city council-owned playground buildings, alleviating financial burden.

#### Safety Testing Contracts:

Coordinate water, gas, and electrical safety testing across playground properties to negotiate better rates and improve overall safety standards.

### 3. Policy Advocacy.

#### Advocate for Policy Changes:

Collaborate with play providers to promote local and national policies that support their sustainability and funding needs.

#### Incorporate Goals into City Council Targets:

Recognise the contributions of quality play providers to community health, well-being, and development in city council planning and reporting.

We believe that by implementing these suggestions, Leicester City Council can support the voluntary sector playgrounds survive these times of austerity.

We hope you can consider these suggestions and we can discuss them in more detail on Thursday,

Best regards,

Warm regards,  
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Chairperson

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