

**PLAY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING
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4. b) To consider recommendations for repairs by Lightmain

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Subject: RE: skate park

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The issue with the ramps bowing is caused by moisture getting into/under the skate surface - the sheets I'm guessing are quite old and haven't been replaced many times?

The skate surface normally carries a 5 year warranty.

Obviously we could replace the individual bowed sheets. This would alleviate the issue but would only be a very short term fix and could not guarantee that in time the sheets would not bow again. We would have to increase the number of support bars within the ramp structure to ensure the ramps have something a bit more substantial to fix too.

In terms of costs:

To replace a 1.2m x 2.4m sheet of skatelite - including removal of existing is £250.00 per sheet.

To improve structure of current by welding new steel support bars would be £150.00 (under each) per sheet.

I guess it's a case of highlighting the worst ones and applying these costs to them.

In short it is a lot of money to spend on something that has a relatively short life span. As an estimate these works would prolong the life of the ramps up to 5 years - the guarantee of the skate surface.

Thanks Chris