

Recommendation from AID re inflatable equipment

A letter was sent to Lowestoft Town Council's tenants, explaining the Council's decision to prohibit the use of inflatable play equipment on its land. It has been queried whether this extends to indoor inflatable equipment, as this could have an effect on the income generated for community halls through hire for children's parties. Advice has been sought from Lowestoft Town Council's insurers and this was explained at the meeting.

Cllr Taylor proposed a recommendation to Full Council to allow the use of indoor inflatable equipment on its land, as long as the following conditions are met:

- They produce to LTC an in date public liability insurance certificate.
- They produce a written confirmation from said insurer that they will cover the use of inflatable play equipment within the confines of the building fabric i.e. internally only.
- That the tenant insures they check that said equipment is fitted with a PIPA tag. The number is logged on a central database where the results of its initial test and subsequent annual tests are recorded. In addition a report is issued with each test.
- That the tenant insures that they view the report from the hirer to verify that the equipment has been checked within the year of hire usually by PIPA.
- All users have access to the PIPA database via the Internet (www.pipa.org.uk) and can therefore check on the inspection status of any tagged equipment.
- It is preferred that the hirer of the inflatable play equipment stays on site to supervise for the duration of the hire period.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Barnard and all Councillors voted in favour.