

## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

### **\*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

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**Any queries must be directed to the Senior Committee and Member Services Manager.**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [ <i>if applicable</i> ]	
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**DIRECTORATE:** *Customer Services*

#### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 To approve a Wellies in the Wood Event at Norton Common, Letchworth Garden City, on each Friday between the 8<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

#### **2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Grounds

#### **3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:**

3.1 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

#### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 To support the organisers to provide a free event for children between the ages of 18 months to 5 years along with their parents and/or carers.

#### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 The organiser (Groundwork Hertfordshire) has approached North Herts District Council to use Norton Common to host this one off event. Other locations do not provide the required resources for this type of event.

#### **6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)**

6.1 None undertaken

#### **7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 Organisers of the Event have approached NHDC for approval to use Norton Common, Letchworth Garden City as their location for the event.

#### **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

#### **9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no financial risks.

**10. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no risk implications.

**11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

11.2 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

**12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 The event is open to everyone.

**13. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 This item of work is contained with Leisure and Environmental Services existing work programs.

**14. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

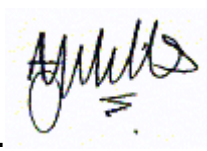
14.1 Application Form including supporting documentation

**15. NOTIFICATION DATE**

15.1 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Signature of Executive Member Consulted .....Not Applicable.....

Date .....4<sup>th</sup> January 2019.....



Signature of Decision Taker .....

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