

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 To approve various Forest School Events at Norton Common and Howard Park & Gardens, Letchworth Garden City for agreed dates throughout the period from 25th May 2019 to 19th April 2020 taking place between the hours of 11.00hrs and 21.30hrs.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3.1 15th May 2019

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 To support the organisers to provide events for the community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The organiser has approached North Herts District Council to use Norton Common and Howard Park & Gardens to host these regular events. 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 Events have approached NHDC for approval to use Norton Common and Howard Park & Gardens, Letchworth Garden City as their location for these events. The organisers have also liaised with Officers to ensure there will be no clashes with other events take place at the same time on either site.

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

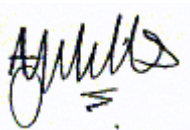
14.1 Application Form including supporting documentation

15. NOTIFICATION DATE

15.1 7th May 2019

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date15th May 2019.....



Signature of Decision Taker

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