

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 regular Bums, Legs & Tums Forever Young 50 plus exercise classes at Butts Close, Hitchin to be held on Monday's 11.00 to 12.00 hrs commencing 3rd July 2020 to 7th September 2020. Providing the activities are covid safe.

2. DECISION TAKER

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

- 3.1 30th July 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

- 4.1 The organisers have approached NHDC for approval to use Butts Close, Hitchin Public Open Space as their location to hold these regular exercise classes for the local community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts District Council to host these regular events. This is an opportunity to bring regular exercise classes to the community.

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

- 6.1 None undertaken

7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The organisers have been made aware that each location is a public open space and that visitors have the right to access each park as appropriate and therefore no area can be fenced or enclosed to exclude the public at anytime.

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. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a covid 19 safe event.

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 within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

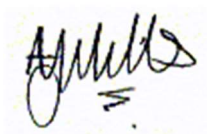
14.1 Application Form including supporting documentation

15. NOTIFICATION DATE

15.1 30th July 2020

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date 30th July 2020.....



Signature of Decision Taker

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