

## 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 the NCT Nature Tots playgroup events (fortnightly) from 10.30 to 11.30 hrs commencing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (held fortnightly - dates agreed) using Norton Common, Letchworth.
- 1.2 This event will only take place if restrictions permit these activities, at the time of the event. Consequently, the event organisers are aware that this event may need to be cancelled at short notice

### **2. DECISION TAKER**

- 2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

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

- 3.1 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

- 4.1 To support the organisers to provide a family event for the whole community.

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

- 5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. This is an opportunity to bring an event to the community.

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

- 6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in Environmental Health, Safety Advisory Group.

### **7. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 Organisers of the event have approached NHC for approval to use Norton Common, Letchworth 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. 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

**Date .....16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.....**



**Signature of Decision Taker .....**

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