RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted [*if applicable]*	

DIRECTORATE: *PLACE*

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 To approve a weekly Exercise Class at Bancroft Gardens, Hitchin from the 12th December 2018 until 31st December 2019 from 09.30 to 10.15 every Wednesday

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Grounds

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3.1 10th December 2018

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 Organisers of the Fitness Class have approached NHDC for approval to use Bancroft Gardens Public Open Space as their location to hold this regular activity for the local community in Hitchin.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The organisers considered alternative venues in Hitchin as part of the Active Parks initiative that has been running throughout the summer of 2018. The Active Parks initiative has been funded via external grant funding secured by NHDC Officers. However this financial support has now expired. The organisers of the fitness classes have been approached to continue the activities independently hence leading to the land licence application to use Bancroft Gardens. The organisers have approached North Herts District Council to host this 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 Bancroft Gardens, Hitchin 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

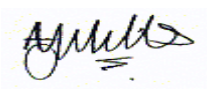
14.1 Application Form including supporting documentation

15. NOTIFICATION DATE

15.1 4th December 2018

Signature of Executive Member Consulted ……Not Applicable……

Date ……10th December 2018……..

Signature of Decision Taker ……  **……**

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