
REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 20 JUNE 2012**PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT****REPORT FROM HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES****SUBJECT: THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELDS CHALLENGE 2012****1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 1.1 That the three sites currently leased to Hawkwell Parish Council are nominated for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge 2012, on the basis of a non-charitable Deed of Dedication.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Fields in Trust (FIT) are currently promoting a new scheme “The QEII Fields Challenge 2012” to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics. The nominations of land assists a national target to increase physical activity and promote the sustainability agenda. It also enables access to grant funding from Sports England until 2013.
- 2.2 Six areas of public open space land formerly owned by the Council that were transferred to FIT have already been nominated for the QEII Fields Challenge.
- 2.3 A formal request has been received from Hawkwell Parish Council for the Council, as land owner, to nominate the three open spaces they lease. These are:-
- Magnolia Park, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell
 - Spencers Park, Sweyne Avenue, Hawkwell, and
 - Glencroft Public Open Space, White Hart Lane, Hawkwell.
- 2.4 It is proposed to make a non-charitable Deed of Dedication which would be limited to the remaining term of the leases, which vary between 105 and 120 years. This would create a contractual dedication of the sites as a Queen Elizabeth II Field.
- 2.5 The result would be to protect the fields by a restriction on the Council’s title at the Land Registry which would require that the Council did not dispose of the land without consent from FIT. The freehold ownership of the land would still remain with the Council and their lease would remain unchanged.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 To take no action, in which situation the Parish Council would not be able to secure any funding.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no risks related to this proposal.
- 4.2 There is no guarantee that any application for funding made by Hawkwell Parish Council would be successful.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications for the Council other than the administrative processes of making the non-charitable Deed.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None, other than those matters already detailed in this report.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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