

APPENDIX Y

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 7 JULY 2009

Title:

**LEASES FOR SITES OF BANDSTANDS
PHILLIPS MEMORIAL GROUND, GODALMING
GOSTREY MEADOW, FARNHAM**

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mike Band]

[Wards Affected: Godalming Central and Ockford, Farnham Castle]

Summary and purpose:

This item seeks authority to enter into leases with Godalming Town Council and Farnham Town Council for the sites of the Bandstands as shown outlined on the plans at Annexe 1.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The Bandstands are designed to enhance the environments in which they are sited, encouraging greater and more varied use of these facilities and providing free access to a wide variety of cultural activity.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The Bandstands provide a venue for local clubs to provide free performances.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

The Godalming Bandstand has been funded through the efforts of Go Godalming, while Farnham Town Council provided the Bandstand in Farnham. The leases will ensure that the Town Councils undertake the maintenance of these facilities, thereby relieving Waverley of this expense.

Legal Implications:

The leases will ensure that the necessary public liability insurance issues are covered. The leases will require legal input in preparing the documentation.

Background

1. In 2004 Go Godalming built the base of the Bandstand within the Phillips Memorial Ground. This year, the organisation has funded and erected the Bandstand roof, providing both protection for performers and an attractive visual focus within the Ground. Farnham Town Council has constructed both base and roof of the Bandstand at Gostrey Meadow this year.

2. Waverley has been responsible for the maintenance of the Godalming Bandstand base. However, it was decided that the Town Councils would take over responsibility for the Bandstands once the construction work on them was complete and, in the case of Godalming, an adequate time had elapsed to ensure that there were no problems with the structure. As the Bandstands are on Waverley land, it is necessary to grant the Town Councils leases to enter onto Waverley's land to undertake this work. Terms and conditions agreed with Godalming Town Council for the lease are set out in Annexe 2. It is expected that the lease being negotiated with Farnham Town Council will be on similar terms.
3. Both the Phillips Memorial Ground and Gostrey Meadow provide valuable areas of open space. It is highly improbable that either site would be required for any development in the foreseeable future.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Godalming and Farnham Town Councils be granted leases of the sites of the Bandstands on terms and conditions largely based on those set out in Annexe 2, other terms and conditions to be negotiated with the Estates and Valuation Manager.

Background Papers (Environment)

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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