

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE 12/07/2016

Title:

**PROPERTY MATTER –
FARNHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB, SURRENDER AND REGRANT OF LEASE**

**[Portfolio Holders: Cllrs Kevin Deanus and Tom Martin]
[Ward Affected: Farnham Castle]**

Note pursuant to Section 100B(5) of the Local Government Act 1972

An annexe to this report contains exempt information by virtue of which the public is likely to be excluded during the item to which the report relates, as specified in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, namely:-

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Summary and purpose:

This report seeks approval to allow a surrender and regrant of lease for Farnham Town Football Club at Memorial Ground, West Street, Farnham.

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

This report has the potential to contribute towards the following corporate priorities of the Council:

Community Wellbeing: It is proposed that the Memorial Ground will continue to be made available for use by the local community and therefore the ground sharing terms set out in the existing lease dated 22 June 2009 will be carried forward into the new lease as set out below.

Value for Money: The new lease will ensure that the club will be paying a fair rent for the area of land they require for their lease

Financial Implications:

The Council will continue to receive lease income of the same amount under the new lease.

Legal Implications:

Officer time will be involved in the drafting and preparing of the new lease.

Introduction

1. Farnham Town Football Club currently occupy the Memorial Ground, West Street, Farnham under the terms of a lease dated 22 June 2009 which expires on 28th June 2023.

2. The club is planning to invest in the facilities at the ground. As part of the investment, the club will be surrendering their use of changing rooms within the Memorial Hall and constructing new ones adjacent to their clubhouse. In order to meet the requirements for the various FA and Sport England grants that may be available, the Club has requested that a new lease be granted to them from the 1st September 2016, for a term of 25 years.
3. Heads of terms can be found in the (Exempt) Annexe. These are largely similar to those of the existing lease.
4. It is recommended that this request be approved as the Football Club is a popular community organisation in the town and has recently been very co-operative in agreeing to relocate their changing rooms out of the Memorial Hall.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Farnham Town Football Club be permitted to surrender their existing lease and be granted a new lease, on terms and conditions set out in the (Exempt) Annexe, with other terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Estates and Valuation Manager.

Background Papers

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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