

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 10/04/2018

Title:

**LEASE OF CRICKET SQUARES, NETS AND GARAGE AT HOLLOWAY
HILL RECREATION GROUND, GODALMING**

**[Portfolio Holders: Cllrs Ged Hall & Kevin Deanus]
[Wards Affected: Godalming Holloway]**

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, viz:-

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

Summary and purpose:

Authority is sought to enter into a 30 year lease with Godalming Cricket Club of the two cricket squares, cricket nets and garage at Holloway Hill Recreation Ground on the terms set out in the (Exempt) Annexe.

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

Value for money : The long term lease permits Godalming Cricket Club to access grant funds unavailable to Waverley for improvements to the recreation ground.

Leisure and Lives : The lease will give the club security of tenure for the longer terms development of cricket in the neighbourhood.

Environment : The club will be able to obtain grants for improvements of the ground that are not available to Waverley.

Financial Implications:

The Council will benefit from reduced maintenance costs at Holloway Hill Recreation Ground.

Legal Implications:

Each party will meet its own legal costs in the preparation and completion of the lease.

Introduction

1. Godalming Cricket Club has been based at Holloway Hill Recreation Ground for many years and is an active member of the Holloway Hill Sports Association who lease the pavilion.
2. Their lease of one of the cricket squares has expired and a new one is sought. The leases that they have had in the past have been for short terms only. However, given the club's long term commitment to Holloway Hill recreation ground, it was considered an opportune moment to reorganise the lease in order to allow the club to obtain grant funding in the future for improvements to the playing of cricket here.
3. They have requested that the lease includes the second cricket square, as they are its main hirer, and also one of the two garages at Holloway Hill for their equipment. This will ensure that the square is maintained to the level that they require and will reduce Waverley's costs at Holloway Hill. It is also an opportunity to ensure that the site of the cricket nets is also formally under their control.
4. It is therefore proposed to grant the club a lease of 30 years of both cricket squares, the site of the cricket nets and a garage for storing grounds equipment.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a lease of two cricket squares, the cricket nets and a garage be granted to Godalming Cricket Club, for a period of 30 years, on terms and conditions as set out in the (Exempt) Annex and with other terms and conditions to be agreed 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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