

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

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Title:

LEASE OF CRICKET SQUARE, NETS AND SCORE BOX, GRAYSWOOD GREEN

**[Portfolio Holders: Cllrs Ged Hall & Kevin Deanus]
[Wards affected: Haslemere East & Grayswood]**

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

Annexe 1 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 grant a lease of 40 years to the Grayswood Cricket Club of the cricket square, nets and score box on Grayswood Green. The club's present lease of 10 years will expire this year and this is an opportune time to grant a longer lease to the club.

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

A longer lease will provide Grayswood Cricket Club with greater security and the opportunity to seek grant aid for their activities, and therefore supports the Council's People and Place priorities.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications other than a longer lease term.

Legal Implications:

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

Introduction

Grayswood Cricket Club is an active club with a strong youth side. It has been playing on Grayswood Green for a number of years and the first lease with Waverley was entered into in 2008. This will be expiring in November and a new lease will be required.

While it is possible to renew the lease for a further 10 years, a lease of 40 years provides the club with greater opportunities to obtain grants to improve their facilities and increase local participation in sport.

The National Trust owns about a half of Grayswood Green. At present, Waverley manages all of the green, including cutting the grass of the cricket outfield, which extends onto the National Trust's land. Waverley's agreement with the National Trust expires in 2023, at which point the Council cannot guarantee that the outfield will be maintained to a level suitable for cricket. It will therefore be necessary to have a break clause in the lease to cover this possibility.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a lease of 40 years be granted to Grayswood Cricket Club for the cricket square, nets and score box on Grayswood Green on terms and conditions as set out in the (Exempt) Annexe, 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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