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ELMBRIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION MAKING -
LEISURE & CULTURE AND RESOURCES

Report of decisions taken on 6 June 2017

Present:

C.R. Sadler (Portfolio Holder for Resources)
Mrs. J.R. Turner (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)

Also present:

B. Fairbank

1/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C.R. Sadler declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct in respect of agenda item 2 (Minute No. 2/17 refers) – New Leases to Existing Allotment Associations, by virtue of being a Member of the Walton & District Allotment and Garden Society.

MATTERS OF REPORT

2/17 NEW LEASES TO EXISTING ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS

(Link to Council Priorities: Commitment to Value for Money and A Green and Attractive Elmbridge)

The Portfolio Holders for Leisure & Culture and Resources considered a report that sought agreement to grant each of the Council's existing allotment association tenants a new 25-year lease in line with their existing agreements, subject to some minor modernisation.

The Portfolio Holders noted that the Council currently provided 13 individual allotment sites within the Borough, each of which was let to an allotment association tenant.

As the current allotment leases were now expiring, it was proposed that each existing allotment site be re-let to each respective tenant for new 25-year terms in line with the existing agreements, the details of which were outlined in the report.

During his introduction, the Estates and Property Manager advised that the wording of the 'Determination' paragraph of the Heads of Terms, as set out in the report, was incorrect. He confirmed that the wording should have reflected what was in the existing agreements.

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Accordingly, whilst the agreements would include a 12-month rolling break clause for each tenant, the Portfolio Holders further noted that the leases would be drafted on the basis that the Council, as landowner, could terminate the leases on 24 months' prior notice, provided that the Property was required for any purpose for which it had been properly and legally appropriated under any statutory provision.

On consideration of the report and the revised wording of the Heads of Terms, the Portfolio Holders for Leisure & Culture and Resources supported the recommendation and accordingly,

RESOLVED that, subject to the re-wording of the Heads of Terms as outlined above, each of the Council's allotment sites be re-let to each respective tenant for new 25-year terms in line with existing agreements, on the basis set out in the report.

3/17 SPORTS HUB - ADDITIONAL CLUB RELOCATION COSTS

(Link to Council Priorities: LC100, LC200)

The Portfolio Holders for Leisure & Culture and Resources considered a report that sought agreement to a final sum being paid to Walton Casuals Football Club in lieu of lost income for the 2016/17 season to enable them to be financially secure going into the new Elmbridge Xcel Sports Hub in September 2017.

The Portfolio Holders noted that as part of the construction programme of the new Sports Hub, Walton Casuals Football Club had surrendered their lease to vacate Waterside Drive. In this regard, ground share agreements had been put in place to allow the Club to fulfil its league commitments for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 seasons.

As part of the ground share agreements, the host club in both cases had retained all bar and catering revenues with Walton Casuals Football Club retaining all gate receipts. However, given the geographic distances between Walton on Thames and Merstham and Whyteleaf, the gate income along with programme sales for the Club has reduced significantly from an average £10,000 p.a. to £2,400 p.a.

Whilst an interim payment of £30,000 had been made to the Club in 2016 in respect of loss of income for the 2015/16 season, Officers had reviewed the Clubs' accounts for the 2016/17 season and in this regard, the Club had submitted a request for a further £30,000 in lieu of lost income for the 2016/17 season.

On consideration of the report, the Portfolio Holders for Leisure & Culture and Resources supported the request and accordingly,

RESOLVED that a final sum of £30,000 be paid to Walton Casuals Football Club by way of lost income for the 2016/17 season.

