

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9219)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND - APPROVAL TO SPEND
AUTHOR:	Karl Limbert

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £77,000 in 2012/13, £462,000 in 2013/14 and £11,000 in 2014/15 for the provision of additional school playing facilities and associated ground works at the former Civil Service Sports Ground.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services and Learning to determine the form and content of consultation on the preferred option for the refurbishment of the former Civil Service Sports Ground.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services and Learning following the consultation referred to at (ii) above, to determine the final layout and refurbishment of the former Civil Service Sports Ground and, within the approved budget, to do anything necessary to deliver the works necessary to bring the site back into educational use.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The former Civil Service Sports Ground was purchased by the Council using powers of compulsory purchase and will be brought back into use as sports/playing field facilities and for associated educational purposes for St. Marks CE Primary School and other local schools.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (i) If no further work was carried out at the ground, the Council would fail to achieve the outcomes envisaged by the Compulsory Purchase Order through which the property was acquired as the site is not currently in a condition that would allow educational use due to lack of use and passage. The Council would also continue to be in contravention of the Government guidance provided in Building Bulletin 99 – Area Guidelines for Schools due to the shortage of playing field provision for schools in the area.

- (ii) To permit this site to be used for other purposes would invalidate the terms upon which the site was legally acquired (i.e. for the purpose of increasing the volume of school playing fields available locally) and therefore raise the risk of legal challenge from the previous owners. Alternative uses would also mean the potential health and social benefits accruing from playing field use would not be realised.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 13 November 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)