

Decision No: CAB58 – 10/11/11

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 122 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CABINET

PORTFOLIO AREA: RESOURCES

SUBJECT: BLATCHINGTON MILL SCHOOL
HOCKEY PITCHES

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THE DECISION

- 2.1 That Cabinet authorises the council to grant a lease to the Hockey Club for 20 years at a peppercorn rent, when the Conditional Funding Agreement conditions detailed at paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 are met, **subject to Counsel's opinion.**
- 2.2 That Cabinet agrees that the Council loans Blatchington Mill School £350,000, funded through unsupported borrowing on the repayment terms set out in paragraph 5.1.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

By working in partnership the School and the Club, with funding from the EHB, have submitted a planning application and business plan for the development of 2 all weather pitches to be used by the School, the Club and the community. Income generated from the hire of the pitches to third parties is to be used to cover the costs of management, maintenance and finance.

In order to secure their interest and in return for a contribution of £400,000 towards the construction of the pitches the Club have been offered a 20 year lease with security of tenure. Should the council terminate the lease on expiry the school are to pay to the Club the balance of the sinking fund to allow them to set up and construct new pitches elsewhere.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The School could not afford to fund the development without the investment from the Club. The partnership approach makes the development affordable to both parties who will benefit in equal measure.

The School could potentially partner with another sporting club who had access to

the financial resources needed to fund this development. The council is not aware of any other sporting clubs with such finances available.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Recommendation 2.1 was amended to reflect the fact that the council was seeking Counsel's opinion in order to clarify the legal implications of the decision.

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:

10 November 2011

Decision Maker:

Councillor Bill Randall
Leader of the Council

Signed:



Proper Officer:

10 November 2011

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:



SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision.

Or: This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in (date of CE's agreement to urgency of decision).

Call-In Period

11-17 November 2011

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)*