
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities
Date	6 September 2022
Present	Councillor Smalley (Executive Member)
Officers in Attendance	Pauline Stuchfield – Director, Customer & Communities Paul Ramskill – Community Sports Development Manager

5. Declarations of Interest (10:03)

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests he might have in respect of business on the agenda, if he had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. None were declared.

6. Minutes (10:03)

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 7 June 2022 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

7. Public Participation (10:04)

It was reported that three people had registered to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme, all in respect of Agenda Item 4 (Heworth Without Multi-Use Games Area).

Cllr Fitzpatrick spoke as Ward Member for Guildhall, querying the use of the Section 106 contribution to fund a MUGA in Heworth Without rather than to benefit wards affected by the Hungate development.

Cllr R Clayton, Chair of Heworth Without Parish Council, voiced objections to siting a MUGA on the Stray Road play area, highlighting environmental concerns and a lack of support from local residents.

Cllr Douglas concurred with the comments of both the previous speakers and voiced concerns about the current 'opaque' system for the allocation of Section 106 funding.

8. Heworth Without Multi-Use Games Area (10:17)

The Executive Member considered a report which sought approval to undertake a public consultation on options for the site of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) within the Heworth Without Ward.

On 18 April 2019, Planning Committee had agreed that part of the Section 106 Open Space Contribution secured on the Hungate Development be used to build a MUGA in Heworth Without (Minute 79 of that meeting refers). £44k was available to fund the project. Following discussion with the Parish Council and Ward Members, It was proposed to consult on 3 site options for the MUGA, namely:

- The existing grass football pitch in Stray Road Play Area;
- The existing Hempland Field;
- Another site within the ward, to be suggested by consultees.

In response to the matters raised under Public Participation, the Executive Member expressed sympathy with the comments made but said he was not inclined to go against the decision of the Planning Committee. He noted that the new Community Infrastructure Levy would soon be replacing the current S106 process and that the concerns of the parish council could be explored within the consultation.

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Director of Customer and Communities to:

- undertake a public consultation on where the MUGA should be sited;
- apply for planning permission for the new scheme on the preferred site as necessary;
- appoint the contractor to undertake the works, in accordance with the council's contract procedure rules and subject to the project being deliverable within the available budget and planning permission being granted.

Reason: To secure the spending of the Section 106 contribution from the Hungate Development for the purposes of a MUGA in the Heworth Without Ward and to help meet the demand for increased sports facilities for children and young people in the area.

Cllr D Smalley, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 10.01am and finished at 10.27am].

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