

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

3 December 2015

Report by Director of Environment

PROPOSED LICENCE TO OCCUPY AT McHAFFIE'S FIELD, NEILSTON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek Cabinet approval to agree a licence to occupy McHaffie's Field, Neilston, to Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet approve a licence to occupy an area of land at McHaffie's Field, Neilston to Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association and delegate to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer, Legal and Procurement, to make the necessary arrangements.

BACKGROUND AND REPORT

3. On 20 August 2015 the Cabinet approved a recommendation to agree a licence to occupy McHaffie's Field, Neilston to McHaffie's Field Association and delegated to the Director of Environment to make the necessary arrangements. The background to this was fully explained in the Cabinet report.

4. In implementing the Cabinet decision however, it became apparent that the McHaffie's Field Association no longer existed and instead it was a new Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association which had been established and was seeking to take on the licence. At its AGM held on 17 June 2014, the Association's constitution changed to include the power "to take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any property or rights which are suitable for the Association's activities".

5. Whilst many of the members of McHaffie's Field Association now form part of the new Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association, the advice from Legal Services is that specific Cabinet agreement should be sought to agree to license McHaffie's Field to the correct organisation which is Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association.

6. The Cabinet is therefore being asked to agree that the Council enter into the licence to occupy McHaffie's Field with Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

7. There are no finance, efficiency or state aid implications arising from this report.

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

8. This proposal has been discussed and agreed between Officers within Environment and Legal Services.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

9. There are no IT, staffing, sustainability, equalities or other implications associated with this report.

CONCLUSION

10. The proposed licence to occupy McHaffie's Field has already been agreed by Cabinet and this report simply seeks Cabinet agreement to the licence being with the relevant organisation which is the Sykes Terrace/Hamilton Place Residents Association.

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