

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS & NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

TRANSFER OF BAYSGARTH PARK BOWLING GREEN

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Cabinet Member to the transfer of Baysgarth Park Bowling Green from North Lincolnshire Council to Baysgarth Bowling Club.
- 1.2 The key points in this report are as follows:
- The bowling green situated in Baysgarth Park is maintained to a set standard by Neighbourhood Services.
 - The Baysgarth Bowling Club want to takeover the running of this facility to try and enhance the condition of the facility.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The bowling green is within Baysgarth Park. The Park was gifted to the local authority in 1930 and is subject to covenants:
- 'To be used as public park or pleasure grounds and shall be kept open and unbuilt upon except buildings suitable for park and recreation purposes'.
 - There are no known title issues that would prevent the council from granting a Lease of the bowling green.
 - The most obvious method of transferring the site to community control would be via a Lease. This would need agreement of suitable terms between the parties and subsequent Cabinet Approval of the council.
 - If the site is leased for 7 years or longer it would need to be advertised (as a public notice) as a proposed disposal of public open space (under the Local Government Act Section 123(2a). Two notices would be required in consecutive editions of the Scunthorpe Telegraph – which would notify the public of our intent and allow comments/objections, if any were received these would have to be considered by the Cabinet Member.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There are two options for consideration:

- 3.1 Option 1 – is to take up the offer from Baysgarth Bowling Club to lease/rent the bowling green in Baysgarth Park.

- 3.2 Option 2 – is to leave the ownership and maintenance of the bowling green with North Lincolnshire Council, Neighbourhood Services.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – This would provide an opportunity for Baysgarth Bowling Club to run the bowling green as they see fit also to make use of any funding and extra help that may be made available to enhance the condition of the facility.
- 4.2 Option 2 – Would deny the opportunity for Baysgarth Bowling Green to be transferred to Baysgarth Bowling Club, thus putting in jeopardy the enhancing of the facility.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 Financial
There would be a small financial gain to the council of approx £1,700 for materials should the facility be transferred.
- 5.2 Staffing
There would be a saving of approx. 10 hours per week in staffing time should the facility be transferred.
- 5.3 Property
The proposal would require a legal transfer of ownership/lease should the facility be transferred.
- 5.4 Information Technology
No IT issues.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 There are no other implications.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation is ongoing with the Baysgarth Bowling Club. The Trade Unions are supportive of the proposal.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the formal negotiations for the transfer of the Baysgarth Bowling Green to Baysgarth Bowling Club to continue with the object of transferring ownership/lease of the facility.

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