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**INDIVIDUAL CABINET
MEMBER DECISION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Communities and Health (Councillor T. Jenkins) is to consider the following report and make a decision on **Thursday 20th February 2025 at 11.00am** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

TOM
SHARDLOW
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The chair will inform all public speakers that, their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration and, that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the chair. The chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 4**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is

engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room. Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit & Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

4. GRASS PITCH LICENCE AND CHANGING ROOM LEASE FOR USE OF GALA FIELDS, NUNEATON BY NUNEATON HARRIERS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LTD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NUNEATON GRIFF FC. a report of the Technical Support Officer – Recreation and Culture attached **(Page 5)**

Councillor T. Jenkins - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP Employed by Mary Creagh MP (Coventry East)	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian & Reptile Team - Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - Member of Equity – Trade Union Members of National Trust and English Heritage Representative on the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum, • Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board, • Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board, • Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel, • Biodiversity Champion • Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground • Exhall Education Foundation • Foleshill Charity Trustee – Proffitt's Charity 	

Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 20th February 2025

Subject: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Grass Pitch Licence and Changing Room Lease for use of Gala Fields, Nuneaton by Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC.

Portfolio: Councillor T Jenkins – Portfolio Holder Leisure, Communities, and Health

From: Lizzie Peters – Technical Support Officer – Recreation and Culture

Summary: To seek approval for Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in Partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC to have a Grass Pitch Licence and Changing room Lease for use of Gala Fields, Nuneaton.

Recommendations: That approval is given to enable the Grass Pitch Licence of the football pitch and Changing Room Lease at Gala Fields, Nuneaton to be given to Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd.

Options:

1. That the changes be approved to enable Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC to take on the site under a Pitch Maintenance agreement.
2. Not approve the Pitch Maintenance agreement and NBBC continue to manage the facility through pitch bookings.

Reasons:

To continue to develop relationships with communities to enable self-management of community and sporting facilities.

Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in Partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC having the Pitch licence and Changing Room Lease for use of this facility, will keep the pitch and recreational land in formal use, which will help reduce anti-social behaviour on the site and improve the standard of the facilities. It will also increase the opportunity for residents to access sporting facilities within the Borough.

It will enable the football club to apply for funding and support from external partners to improve the facilities and standard of the playing surface.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers –

Katie Memetovic-Bye – Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture

Subject to call-in: YES

Ward relevance: All

Forward plan: N/A

Corporate Priorities:

Building A Better Borough Aim 1: Live

Building A Better Borough Priority 1: Promote residents' health & wellbeing

Relevant statutes or policy: N/A

Equalities Implications: N/A

Human resources implications: N/A

Financial implications:

Self-management of sporting facilities to local sporting organisations will reduce the financial contribution required by the Council.

NBBC will continue to support with the provision ground maintenance of the site until a longer term Grass Pitch investment plan is formalised.

Health Inequalities Implications:

There will be no direct impact on health inequalities through these changes.

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

Keeping the facility in formal use, will reduce the amount of anti-social behavior on the site, as the site will be used almost daily by members of the Football club.

Risk management implications: N/A

Environmental implications: N/A

Legal implications: N/A

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NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Councillor T. Jenkins

From: Lizzie Peters – Technical Support Officer – Recreation and Culture

Subject: Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Grass Pitch Licence and Changing Rooms Lease for use of Gala Fields Nuneaton by Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC.

Portfolio: Leisure, Communities and Health

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek approval for Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC. to have a Grass Pitch Licence and Changing Rooms Lease for use of Gala Fields, Nuneaton.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That approval is given to enable the Grass Pitch Licence and Lease of the football pitch and Changing Rooms at Gala Fields, Nuneaton to be given to Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd in partnership with Nuneaton Griff FC.

3. Background

3.1 The management of pitch bookings at Gala Fields is currently managed by Everyone Active in line with a service level agreement between them and NBBC to manage Pitch Bookings on NBBC behalf.

3.2 The site has two 11v11 Pitches, the site has been used for recreational formal football for previous seasons.

3.3 Over the last 5 years the site has had the facilities maintained through the Parks and Green Space contract, pitches have been line marked and have received annual pitch maintenance.

3.4 The football club are keen to start training and using the facilities as a home ground from the start of the new season. Looking at introducing some of their junior teams to the site.

3.5 A community use agreement will be agreed between NBBC and Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd. including some key objectives to be adhered to.

3.6 Nuneaton Harriers Community Association Ltd. have long term visions for the site, wanting to work with Birmingham FA and Football Foundation to secure funding to improve the pitch quality, and quantity of pitches.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 NBBC will continue to support with grounds maintenance of the site.

Lizzie Peters
Technical Support Officer – Recreation and Culture