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**INDIVIDUAL CABINET  
MEMBER DECISION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Public Services (Councillor S. Markham) is to consider the following report and make a decision on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023** at **9.30 a.m.** in Committee Room D of the Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

**A G E N D A**  
**PART 1**  
**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

1. **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds, please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside the Lloyds Bank building on the opposite side of the road.

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

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. NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL – GRASS PITCH LICENCE FOR USE OF HAUNCHWOOD RECREATION GROUND, BY HAUNCHWOOD JUNIOR FC – a report of the Leisure and Health Manager, attached **(Page 5)**

**Councillor S. Markham – Portfolio Holder for Public Services**

**Schedule of Declarations of Interests 2022/23**

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	S. Markham	County Councillor – W.C.C.	Member of the following Outside Bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch</li> <li>• Governor at Ash Green School</li> <li>• Sherbourne Asset Co Shareholder Committee;</li> <li>• Nuneaton and Bedworth Sports Forum;</li> <li>• Warwickshire Direct Partnership;</li> <li>• Warwickshire Waste Partnership;</li> </ul>	

**Individual Cabinet Member Decision**

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**Report Summary Sheet**

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023

**Subject:** Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Grass Pitch Licence for use of Haunchwood Recreation Ground, by Haunchwood Junior FC

**Portfolio:** Councillor S Markham – Portfolio Holder Public Services

**From:** Katie Memetovic-Bye – Leisure and Health Manager

**Summary:** To seek approval for Haunchwood Junior FC to have a Grass Pitch Licence for use of Haunchwood Recreation Ground, Nuneaton.

**Recommendations:** That approval is given to enable the Grass Pitch Licence of the football pitch at Haunchwood Recreation Ground be given to Haunchwood Junior FC.

**Options:**

1. Decision approved to enable Haunchwood JFC to take on the site under a Grass Pitch Maintenance agreement.
2. Not approve and NBBC continue to manage the facility

**Reasons:**

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

Haunchwood JFC having the Grass Pitch licence for use of this facility, will bring the pitch and recreational land back into 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 for the Club.

**Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers –**

Updates on the progress have been provided to the Portfolio Holders for Public Services

The Ward councillors have also been informed and updated in relation to the discussions taking place on this site and is in support of Haunchwood JFC club taking on the self-management and development of the Haunchwood site.

Future actions around developing self-management of sites forms part of the adopted Playing Pitch Strategy and Leisure Strategy actions.

**Subject to call-in:** YES

**Ward relevance:** Kingswood

**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:**

Playing Pitch Strategy

**Equalities Implications:**

None identified

**Human resources implications:**

None identified

**Financial implications:**

The Council will continue to support with the provisional 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:**

Bringing the facility back into formal use, should help to reduce the amount of anti-social behavior on the site, as the site will be regularly used by members of the Football club.

**Risk management implications:**

None identified

**Environmental implications:**

The land will be brought back into use for formal sport and recreation.

**Legal implications:**

Legal Officers will be involved in the approval of the licence and community use agreement

Contact details: Katie Memetovic-Bye Leisure and Health Manager

## **NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report to:** Councillor S. Markham

**From:** Katie Memetovic-Bye Leisure and Health Manager

**Subject:** Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council – Grass Pitch Licence for use of Haunchwood Recreation Ground, by Haunchwood Junior FC

**Portfolio:** Public Services

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for Haunchwood Junior FC to have a Grass Pitch Licence for use of Haunchwood Recreation Ground, Nuneaton.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That approval is given to enable the Grass Pitch Licence of the football pitch at Haunchwood Recreation Ground be given to Haunchwood Junior FC, to bring the site back into use for Football and enable the football club to develop.

3. Background

- 3.1 The management of pitch bookings at Haunchwood Recreation ground is currently managed by Nuneaton Harriers in line with a service level agreement between them and the Council to manage Pitch Bookings on the Council's behalf.
- 3.2 The site has one 11v 11 pitch, although the site hasn't been used for recreational formal football since the 2018/19 season. However, the club would like two 11v11 pitches marked out to accommodate the teams using the pitch. 1 full size and the other a junior 11 v 11 size pitch.
- 3.3 Over the last 4 years the site has had the facilities maintained through the Parks and Green Space contract, however pitches have not been line marked and have not 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. They would like to start training on site prior to the commencement of the new season from June 2023.
- 3.5 A community use agreement will be agreed between the Council and Haunchwood Junior FC including some key objectives to be adhered to.
- 3.6 Haunchwood JFC have long term visions for the site, wanting to work with Birmingham FA and Football Foundation to secure funding to install changing facilities, a storage container or fencing to secure equipment and improved carparking to the site. Until such funding has been secured, subject to planning permission they would like to install a toilet block utilising funds already obtained via fund raising within the club.



4. Financial Implications

4.1 Haunchwood JFC will be working with partners and the Council to generate and secure funding for the site to improve the facilities as part of a long-term development plan.

4.2 The Council will continue to support with grounds maintenance of the site.

Katie Memetovic-Bye  
Leisure and Health Manager