


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL  
OFFICER (EXECUTIVE) DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD**

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| 1. DECISION TAKEN - Transfer of Winterton Artificial Pitch to Winterton Academy |   |               |                      |
| EXECUTIVE   | X | NON-EXECUTIVE | (Please tick either) |
| IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ?  |   |               | Yes No               |
| DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?                                |   |               | Yes No               |
| EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)                                |   |               | n/a                  |

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| 2. OFFICER DECISION<br>TAKER   | NAME  | Peter Thorpe   |       |
|  | POSITION/POST   | Director: Learning, Skills & Culture   |       |
|  | SIGNATURE   |  |       |
|  | DATE  | 13 August 2020   |       |
| 3. DECISION TAKEN IN<br>CONSULTATION WITH<br>MEMBER  | COUNCILLOR  | .....  |       |
|  | POSITION  | .....  |       |
| Yes  | No  | SIGNATURE  | ..... |
|  |   | DATE   | ..... |
| 4. REASONS FOR THE<br>DECISION<br><br>(Please ref to any<br>report/background<br>documents attached)                                 | Approval of the community Asset Transfer enables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Protection of this local offer</li> <li>▪ Generation of income can be reinvested</li> <li>▪ Help reverse decline of the pitch and its use</li> <li>▪ Better management and operation of the site in synergy with other facilities at the school</li> <li>▪ Reduced operating costs</li> <li>▪ Refurbishment of the facility</li> </ul> |  |       |
| 5. ALTERNATIVE<br>OPTIONS<br>CONSIDERED AND<br>REJECTED (BY<br>DECISION TAKER(S))  |   |  |       |
| 6. ANY CONFLICT OF<br>INTEREST DECLARED BY<br>ANY EXECUTIVE<br>(CABINET) MEMBER(S)<br>CONSULTED, WHICH<br>RELATES TO THE<br>DECISION |   |  |       |
| 7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6.<br>ABOVE - HAS ANY<br>DISPENSATION BEEN<br>GRANTED TO THE<br>EXECUTIVE (CABINET)<br>MEMBER?                  |   |  |       |

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**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL****Delegated Decision Report  
Director of Learning, Skills and Culture****Winterton Artificial Pitch – Asset Transfer****1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve the transfer of Winterton Artificial Pitch to the Winterton Academy

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Winterton Artificial Pitch is a full size, floodlit sand filled artificial grass pitch constructed in 1996, the last year of the former Glanford Borough Council. It is located on land formerly comprising part of the Winterton Academy campus and is surrounded by the school playing fields and buildings with direct access onto Newport Avenue Winterton.
- 2.2 The facility includes car parking and a modular changing room building.
- 2.3 The Winterton Academy hire the facility during school hours for curriculum and inter school sports activities. North Lincolnshire Council manage the site and community offer as part of the Active Lifestyles service
- 2.4 The academy has asked that consideration be given to transferring the asset to the school. The school would then manage year-round community use.
- 2.5 The artificial grass carpet at this facility is at the end of its life and needs replacement. The North Lincolnshire Playing Pitch Strategy and the Local Football facilities Plan support a strategic need to replace this with a 3G football turf artificial grass. Subject to the business case supporting the strategic need, a proportion of funding may be available from the Football Foundation. The school is willing to lead this work with support from the council and in partnership with other community stakeholders.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 That the Director, Learning Skills & Culture approves the transfer of Winterton Artificial Pitch to Winterton Academy
- 3.2 That support is offered to the school to secure funding to replace the pitch which is at the end of its life.

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Transferring the asset provides the following benefits:

- Protection of this local offer
- Generation of income can be reinvested
- Help reverse decline of the pitch and it's use
- Better management and operation of the site in synergy with other facilities at the school
- Reduced operating costs
- Refurbishment of the facility

4.2 Strategically the PPS supports the change in surface to better support the needs of football in this community. There is sufficient capacity in alternative provision to accommodate any hockey bookings that the site would currently have.

#### 5. FINANCE AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc)

5.1 Approving the transfer removes the maintenance and operating costs of this facility from the council. The council as a direct provider of this facility is largely dependent on casual staff from the local community to open this site

5.2 Retention of the site would require significant capital investment to continue service

#### 6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 Planned future action will contribute to the delivery and improvement of facilities that provide opportunities to positively engage communities in sport and leisure activities. These contribute to increasing physical activity levels, improved health outcomes and diversion from crime through the provision of these opportunities.

#### 7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 The work of the local sports clubs and their supporting governing bodies has the potential to further a wide range of inclusion projects and programmes, many of which can be delivered at a club level in the everyday activities of sport at this site. Particular examples may include a focus on women and girls, disability, older people and black, Asian and other ethnic minorities. There is already a strong youth element in local football delivery.

#### 8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 The governing bodies of relevant sports including the Football Association, the and England Hockey support the move to upgrade the pitch to a 3G football compatible artificial turf pitch. The Lincs FA and the Football Foundation support the potential transfer of the facility to the school.

8.2 No conflicts of interest have been identified.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 That the Director approves the transfer of Winterton Artificial Pitch to Winterton Academy and that the matter is referred to the council's Estates team for progression

**Director of Learning, Skills and Culture**

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

Request to transfer Winterton Artificial Pitch to Winterton Academy