

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 06 December 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Healthy Living and Social Care
Report Title:	King George V Playing Field, Llandough
Purpose of Report:	To seek approval to enter into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust to provide protected green space status to the King George V playing field in Llandough
Report Owner:	Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture
Responsible Officer:	Miles Punter – Director of Environment & Housing
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Accountant Environment and Housing Legal – Committee Reports Operational Manager – Accountancy Operational Manager Property Local Members Operational Neighbourhood Services
Policy Framework:	This Report is within the Policy Framework and Budget and is an Executive matter for decision by Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a number of joint initiatives with the Llandough Community Council to improve the quality of the King George V playing field, including a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and upgrading of the playground, the Community Council has asked for the field to be registered with Fields in Trust to ensure its continued use for future generations. • By registering the playing field with Fields in Trust it would be subject to a Deed of Dedication ensuring its continued use as a green open space. • Discussions with Fields in Trust have confirmed that they would welcome the opportunity for this land to be registered with them. 	

Recommendations

1. That delegated authority is granted to the Director of Environment and Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture and the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to designate the King George V playing field under the appropriate Fields in Trust programme.
2. That the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to sign a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust and register the same.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To protect King George V playing field for future generations as enjoyable quality outdoor recreation area.
2. To formalise arrangements with Fields in Trust.

1. Background

- 1.1 A request has been received from Llandough Community Council, who has recently worked on joint projects with the Vale of Glamorgan Council to improve the quality of the King George V playing field at Llandough, to formally protect the playing field with a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 Following the request from the Community Council, contact has been made with Fields in Trust who would be very supportive of a Deed of Dedication for the King George V playing field.
- 2.2 A Deed of Dedication would provide further reassurance to the local community that the Council remains committed to the primary recreation field in Llandough and should ensure that the field is kept for future generations to enjoy.
- 2.3 A plan showing the extent of the proposed Deed of Dedication is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The provision of a Deed of Dedication for the King George V playing field at Llandough would demonstrate the Council's long term planning for recreation areas and assist in delivering a quality open space for future generations.
- 3.2 The Deed of Dedication would also demonstrate the Council's commitment to collaboration by working in partnership with both the Community Council and Fields in Trust.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 4.1** There are no direct resource implications associated with this report. Work is however currently progressing relating to drainage issues at this site. However, the Deed of Dedication would not impact on this as the responsibilities for maintaining the playing field will not change.

Employment

- 4.2** There are no direct employment implications associated with this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 4.3** In order to dedicate the King George V playing field in Llandough under the appropriate Fields in Trust programme the Council will be required to enter into a Deed of Dedication with Fields in Trust. As previously advised, this is a legally binding document containing undertakings on behalf of all parties that will mean that the playing field will be dedicated as a protected green space in perpetuity.

5. Background Papers

Email from Llandough Community Council dated 1st August 2021.

Appendix 1

