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REFERENCE: SDSPW-01-17

SDSPW-01-17 - GRANT OF LEASES OR LICENSES TO TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS FOR PLAY AREAS IN WILTSHIRE

Purpose of Report

To delegate authority to the Associate Director for People and Business in consultation with the cabinet member, to grant either leases (to a maximum of 7 years) or licences to Town or Parish Council's for the future management of play areas across the County. The decision is subject to satisfactory discharge of the conditions in s123 of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of disposal of open space.

Consultation

Finance officers, Legal officers, Head of Highways and Streetscene, Associate Director for Highways & Transport and Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport have been consulted prior to making this decision.

Options Considered

Not grant of leases to Town and Parish Councils, but this will result in lack of maintenance of play equipment with the closure of a number of play areas due to budget pressures resulting in an inability to fund essential safety repairs to the equipment and surfaces.

Reason for Decision

To secure the provision of the play areas for the residents of Wiltshire and promote the principle of local provision of services at a local level.

DECISION MADE

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I have made the decision set out in the attached report.

This decision was published on 21 March 2017 and will come into force on 29 March 2017.

The following supporting documents are attached:

SDSPW0117-Report

Date: ...17.03.17..... T.Sturgis.....

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