

**Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee**

**Report of the Director of Corporate Resources**

**Wollescote Park, Wollescote Road, Stourbridge – Grant of a Licence**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the request for a licence to be granted on the grounds of Wollescote Park, Wollescote Road, Stourbridge in order for the erection of additional changing facilities.

**Background**

2. Wollescote Park is part of the Ernest Stevens Trust and Dudley Borough Council are the Trustees. The function of Trustee has been delegated to the Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee in the Council's constitution.
3. Crystal Bowls Club has been in occupation of rooms on the first floor of Wollescote Hall for a number of years, jointly with the Black Country Bowls Club and the Sons of Rest.
4. It is proposed that a licence be explored in order for the erection of an additional building, with services connected, within the walled area of Wollescote Park (the precise location is yet to be determined, but would depend on the accessibility of available services). The new building will contain changing facilities available to other bowlers, tennis players and local friends of the Park.
5. Crystal Bowls Club will be applying to obtain funding/grants available and therefore requires the consent of the Trustees for the development to go ahead.

**Finance**

5. There are no financial implications to the Trustees

**Law**

6. The Council is the registered Trustee of the charity and in accordance with the Councils Constitution has delegated the administration of the charity to this Management Committee.
7. Section 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to accept, hold and administer gifts of property, where it enables them to discharge any of their functions and where the gifts are for the purposes of benefiting the inhabitants of their area.

8. The Law relating to Trusts which are charitable is contained in various legislations. The key legislation being the Charities Acts 1960, 1992, 1993 and the Trustees Investment Act 1961.

**Equality Impact**

9. The proposal takes into account the Council's equal opportunities policies.

**Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that the consent of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee be formally recorded to approve the above licence for the proposed erection of additional changing facilities at Wollescote Park, Wollescote Road, Stourbridge on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Corporate Resources.



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