

Agenda Item No: **Report No:**

Report Title: **The Stanley Turner Recreation Ground Trust**

Report To: **Council (in its capacity as Trustee of the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground Trust)** **Date:** **9 May 2012**

Cabinet Member: **Councillor Andy Smith**

Ward(s) Affected: **Lewes Bridge, Castle, Priory**

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Purpose of Report:

To update the Trust on the two meetings of the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground Advisory Group which took place on 17 January and 28 March 2012.

Officers Recommendation(s):

- 1 To note the contents of the report
 - 2 To approve the amendments to the Remit, Membership and Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Group as shown in red in the document at Appendix 1.
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Reasons for Recommendations

- 1 To implement the recommendations of the Advisory Group.

Information

- 2 The Trust approved the establishment of the Advisory Group at the Council meeting on 6 December 2011.
- 3 The Trust will see from the amendments to the document at Appendix 1 that the Advisory Group has proposed the following changes to the Membership of the Group:-

- 3.1** that East Sussex County Councillor Ruth O’Keeffe be invited to serve on the Group as the local Divisional Councillor for that Council;
- 3.2** that there be no representative from Kingston Parish Council on the Group. This is because the Group felt that the Parish Council had no direct involvement with the Ground or activities that were undertaken at the Ground;
- 3.3** that Mr Tom Carr who farms part of the Stanley Turner Ground be invited to serve on the Group.
- 4** The Advisory Group has also proposed a small number of minor changes to the Remit and Rules of Procedure of the Group which are also shown in red in the appended document.
- 5** The Advisory Group has elected Councillor Micheal Turner of Lewes Town Council to chair the Group. The two meetings of the Group have been well attended and officers believe that positive progress is being made. The Lewes Sports Club has recently revised its initial development proposals (as set out in Project Turnaround) and has submitted an alternative strategy/plan for consideration by the Group. This revised plan is attached at Appendix 2. The proposals set out in the plan are being studied by officers and will be discussed at future meetings of the Group. Any further recommendations by the Group will be brought to the Trust for consideration.

Financial Appraisal

- 6** There are no financial implications other than staff costs associated with serving and attending four meetings of the Advisory Group each year. The Group is currently served by a Committee Officer from Democratic Services, the Senior Legal Assistant, the Parks and Cemeteries Manager and the Head of District Services although it is envisaged that the Head of District Services and the Senior Legal Assistant will not be required for every meeting of the Group.

Environmental Implications

- 7** Not applicable. This is a progress report.

Risk Management Implications

- 8** I have completed a risk assessment. The changes/issues covered by this report are not significant in terms of risk. No new risks will arise whether or not the recommendations are implemented or rejected.

Equality Implications

- 9** No potential negative impacts have been identified and a full equality impact assessment is not required.

Background Papers

- 10** Minutes of the Stanley Turner Advisory Group dated 17 January and 28 March 2012

Minutes of the Trust dated 6 December 2011.

Duty of Councillors

- 11 Councillors are reminded that when they consider this report, they must be solely concerned with the best interests of the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground Trust and not with the interests of the Council. This is because they are acting in their capacity as Trustee of the Trust and not as members of the District Council.**

Appendices

- 12** Appendix 1 – Remit, Membership and Rules of Procedure for the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground Advisory Group (as amended)
- Appendix 2 – Amended plan/proposals submitted by Lewes Sports Club