



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## **Officer Delegated Decision**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive  
and S151 Officer

### **Licence for Grantham Model Boat Club**

This Officer Delegated Decision (ODD) report seeks approval to grant a licence for a period of 1 year for use of the model boating lake and storage within 1 room of the Ticket Office in Wyndham Park, to Grantham Model Boat Club.

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Richard Wyles – Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
<b>Decision:</b>	To grant a licence to the Grantham Model Boat Club for a period of 1 year.
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	This report is not exempt from publication. However, appendix 1 is exempt from publication
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	The public interest in maintaining the exemption in appendix 1 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it contains financial information relating to confidential negotiations with a third party and the Council must be able to undertake such negotiations without thereby putting confidential items in the public domain if it is to maintain the confidence of third parties in undertaking dealings with the Council.
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	In accordance with the Constitution, Part 26 Property (including land) paragraph (f) the Deputy Chief Executive & S151 Officer is authorised to arrange short term (up to

seven years) lettings of land and property not immediately required for other purposes at rent/licenses fees fixed by the S151 Officer.

## 1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### *Finance*

- 1.1 A peppercorn amount has been proposed relating to this lease in recognition of the costs and work undertaken by the Grantham Model Boat Club in the upkeep of the site. This also covers the maintenance of boats for the pay and play boats.

Completed by: **David Scott, Assistant Director of Finance (Deputy s151 Officer)**

### *Legal and Governance*

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer has the necessary delegated authority to take this decision.

Completed by: **James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager**

## 2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To seek approval grant a licence for a 1 year period for use of the model boating lake and storage in 1 room of the Ticket Office at Wyndham Park, Grantham.

## 3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 To grant the licence to Grantham Model Boat Club (GMBC) in line with the Heads of Terms enclosed in **Exempt Appendix 1 – Heads of Terms**.
- 3.2 The Council could choose to not grant a licence which wouldn't benefit the Council, and the Council would then incur additional costs for the maintenance and upkeep of the model boating lake. Therefore the 'do nothing' option has been discounted.

## 4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To grant a licence for the model boating lake and storage within 1 room of the Ticket Office at Wyndham Park, Grantham, in line with the Heads of Terms enclosed in **Exempt Appendix 1 – Heads of Terms**, to GMBC.

## **5. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

- 5.1 The model boating lake within Wyndham Park, Grantham, has historically been maintained and used by the GMBC with no formal arrangements in place.
- 5.2 The Council and GMBC entered into an arrangement in July 2024 for the operation of the pay and play boats on the lake only with a Terms of Reference being signed, after this service had stopped being offered by the Council in September 2022.
- 5.3 The boating lake is a historic feature of Wyndham Park and outside of the pay and play boats arrangement, is currently used by GMBC twice per week throughout the year in addition to one off events. The pay and play boats and associated equipment are currently stored and charged from within the Ticket Office.
- 5.4 Despite no formal arrangements being in place previously for use of the boating lake, GMBC currently undertake maintenance of the lake at their own cost with no reimbursement from the Council.
- 5.5 Heads of Terms have been agreed between the Council and GMBC and can be found at **Exempt Appendix 1 – Heads of Terms**, along with the accompanying plan **Appendix 2 – Boating Lake and Storage Plan**.
- 5.6 Legal Services Lincolnshire have reviewed the Heads of Terms and will be acting on behalf of the Council in granting this licence.
- 5.7 The licence grants GMBC use of the model boating lake all year round on Wednesdays and Sundays with various events throughout the year by prior agreement.
- 5.8 The licensee will be responsible for all risk assessments and health and safety regulations associated with its use, as well as being responsible for maintaining the water elements and annual treatment. Any charges relating to the licence are subject to VAT.

## **6. Appendices**

- 6.1 Exempt Appendix 1 – Head of Terms
- 6.2 Appendix 2 – Boating Lake and Storage Plan

Signed by: Richard Wyles

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