



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## **Officer Delegated Decision**

11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Richard Wyles - Deputy Chief  
Executive & S151 Officer

### **Grant of New Lease – Land within Dysart Park, Houghton Road, Grantham NG31 6JB**

To approve the grant of a new lease and the creation of a community activity centre on land within Dysart Park, Houghton Road, Grantham, NG31 6JB.

#### **Contact**

Gareth Dawkins - Corporate Property Services

<b>Decision made by:</b>	Richard Wyles (Deputy Chief Executive & S.151 Officer)
<b>Decision:</b>	To approve the granting of a lease of land within Dysart Park, Houghton Road, Grantham, NG31 6JB
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	This report is not exempt from publication; however, Appendix One is exempt from publication
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	The public interest in maintaining the exemption in Appendix One 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>	<i>Part 3(c) of the Constitution – Responsibility for Functions. Paragraph 26, Property (including land).</i>

To carry out the following functions and issue any relevant notices:  
g) To arrange lettings (in excess of seven years) of land and property not immediately required for other purposes at rent/license fees fixed by the Section 151 Officer, providing that the total cost of the lease in its entirety does not exceed £100,000

## 1. Implications

### *Finance*

- 1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. The proposal does not place any financial obligations onto the Council.

*Reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer*

### *Legal and Governance*

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has the delegated authority to take this decision.

*Reviewed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager*

## 2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to seek authorisation for granting a new lease of land at Dysart Park, Houghton Road, Grantham.

## 3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 Option 1) To give approval to the granting of a lease of Land within Dysart Park, Houghton Road, Grantham in accordance with **EXEMPT APPENDIX ONE – Heads of Terms**.
- 3.2 Option 2) To not enter into the proposed new lease, which will leave the subject land unused rather than allowing the development of new community facilities.

## **4. Preferred Option**

- 4.1 To enter into the proposed lease in line with the attached **EXEMPT APPENDIX ONE – Heads of Terms.**

## **5. Reasons for the Decision**

- 5.1 After ninety years of existence, Dysart Park Bowls Club was forced to close in 2017.
- 5.2 The Council has had very positive discussions with a local charity regarding the creation of a Community Activity Hub. The hub will adopt a forest school theme offering outdoor, active and nature-based activities to support wellbeing, promote physical activity, provide learning and personal development opportunities.
- 5.3 The Hub will occupy an area of 0.08 acres (333m<sup>2</sup>), within which there will be two small temporary buildings, erection of perimeter fencing and retention of open green space for outdoor activities. **APPENDIX TWO – Lease Plan.**
- 5.4 It is intended that the Hub will be accessible to all ages with a variety of programmes for the local community. The primary focus of the programmes will be on working with young people aged 5-16.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 With the intention being to grant a lease of public open space, the proposal is being advertised in the local paper in accord with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, allowing members of the public to comment upon the proposal.

## **7. Appendices**

- 7.1 **EXEMPT APPENDIX ONE – Heads of Terms**  
7.2 **APPENDIX TWO – Lease Plan**

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **11 February 2026**