

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – CLLR IAN STEPHENS

Title of Matter: REW VALLEY SPORTS CENTRE, VENTNOR - GRANT OF A NEW 125 YEAR LEASE TO THE ISLAND COMMUNITY (FREE) SCHOOL

Decision maker: Cllr Ian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance

Power(s) giving authority to make an executive decision: Section 9E (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

Decision:

That the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance approve the proposed new lease terms to the Island Community School.

Date of decision: 21 March 2024

Reason for decision: As listed in the accompanying report

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the councillor when making the decision:

Option 2 - Reject the proposed new lease terms to the Island Community School and continue to seek an alternative provider for the facility.

Option 3 - Retain direct ownership and control of the facility.

Representations considered by the Cabinet member prior to making the decision: From V Taylor – stated that previously they as an IW Councillor had obtained the funding for this to be a Community Facility under the control of an IW School. A response was provided as follows:

Throughout our negotiations with DfE, the local authority has been acutely aware of the need to maintain and support community use at the Rew Valley Sports Centre. I am therefore pleased to say that as part of the lease negotiations, the parties have agreed to put in place a 'Community Use Agreement' (CUA). This will run concurrently with the lease and provide an obligation on the school to provide community use as set out in the agreement.

Additionally, the CUA will provide for a User Group to be established which will include, not only representatives from Isle of Wight Council, Ventnor Town Council, St Francis RC/CE Primary School and the school itself, but also regular users of the facility and other community groups.

Moreover, the CUA will not only assist in overseeing the future management of the centre but should also help to ensure affordable access and opportunity for the local community to be able to participate in both sport and physical activity. I would strongly encourage the local community to actively engage with the User Group to develop as wide a range of community use as possible at the centre.

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decision: None

Dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflicts of interest: None

Background documents referred to: The Possible Disposal of Land at Lowtherville Industrial Estate, Ventnor - decision reference 25 (13/14).

Signed:

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Cllr Ian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance

Date of signature: 21 March 2024