



REPORT TO:	Performance Monitoring Panel - 4 July 2023 South Holland District Council – 26 July 2023
DATE:	Tuesday, 4 July 2023 Wednesday, 26 July 2023
SUBJECT:	Final Report of the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field Task Group
PURPOSE:	To present the Task Group's Final Report to the Panel for consideration
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing, Leisure Centre Delivery and Spalding Town Improvement
REPORT OF:	Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field Task Group
REPORT AUTHOR:	Christine Morgan, Rachel Rowett
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Spalding wards
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

The Performance Monitoring Panel reconvened the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field Task Group with a view to ascertaining the position with regard to the deeds of the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field, what SHDC's responsibilities were, and how the requirements impacted on the use of the field by Spalding United; and to consider a way forward with regard to the required floodlighting upgrade for the pitch used by Spalding United. The work was undertaken and the Task Group's findings are included within this report. The Performance Monitoring Panel is asked to consider the findings, prior to consideration of the report by Full Council on 23 July 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider the Task Group's Final Report, prior to its consideration by Full Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Final Report receives approval for its consideration by Full Council.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The Panel may:

- Approve the Task Group's Final Report for consideration by the Full Council; or
- Request that alterations be made/further consideration be given to the Final report prior to its presentation to the Full Council; or
- Do nothing.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Performance Monitoring Panel reconvened the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field Task Group on 29 November 2022. It commenced its work on 1 February 2023.

1.2 The scope of the Task Group was:

- To ascertain the position with regard to the deeds of the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field, what SHDC's responsibilities are, and how the requirements impact on the use of the field by Spalding United;
- To consider a way forward with regard to the required floodlighting upgrade for the pitch used by Spalding United.

1.3 The membership of the Task Group consisted of Councillors C J T H Brewis, P A Redgate, S C Walsh (Chairman) and D J Wilkinson.

2. REVIEW PROCESS

2.1 The Task Group met on three occasions. Information and opinions were sought from officers, members and external agencies, and a site visit to the Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field was undertaken.

2.2 The evidence and information received was analysed collectively to inform the conclusion and recommendations contained within the Final Report, which is attached at Appendix A.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

3.1.1 None

3.2 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.2.1 The provision of a sports facility contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities of:

- Your Place – Lead, enable and embed the provision of a range of improved local community, cultural, arts and newly contracted leisure facilities that support the enhanced wellbeing of South Holland's communities.

- Your Health & Wellbeing – Target our leisure facilities to provide a programme of activities to tackle obesity and inactivity in South Holland

3.3 STAFFING

3.3.1 None

3.4 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.4.1 Any use of Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field must comply with the terms of the 1951 Deeds.

3.5 DATA PROTECTION

3.5.1 None

3.6 FINANCIAL

3.6.1 None

3.7 RISK MANAGEMENT

3.7.1 None

3.8 STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

3.8.1 The following were consulted as part of the Task Group's research:

- Cllr Gary Taylor as Portfolio Holder for Communities & Facilities
- Phil Perry, Assistant Director Leisure & Culture
- Andy Fisher, Assistant Director, General Fund Assets
- Steph Powell, Head of Football Development, Lincolnshire FA

3.9 REPUTATION

3.9.1 None

3.10 CONTRACTS

3.10.1 Any tenant would be subject to a fully ratified contract.

3.11 CRIME AND DISORDER

3.11.1 None

3.12 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

3.12.1 None

3.13 HEALTH AND WELL BEING

3.13.1 Any investment or improvement of sports facilities that creates more opportunities for participation will contribute to improved outcomes for Health & Wellbeing.

3.14 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

3.14.1 None

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A	Sir Halley Stewart Playing Field Task Group Final Report
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<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS</p> <p>There are none.</p>
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<p>CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.</p>

REPORT APPROVAL	
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